

## **John Hennessy**

John Hennessy is the founder of Hennessy Group, Inc., an urban real estate development firm, managing apartment and commercial properties, and overseeing new development work, finance, and consulting. John is particularly dedicated in improving Milwaukee's Near West Side and Westown (the west side of Downtown) communities, currently serving both neighborhoods in community economic development leadership roles as a member of the Near West Side BID Board and Vice Chair, as a Westown Association Board Member, as a Westown BID Board Member and Chair, and as the Westown Association's CED Committee Chair. Some of John's accomplishments include the following:

- Completed three National Register Historic renovations in transitional urban Neighborhoods, the Kilbourn Knoll Historic Apartments, the Saint James Court Historic Apartments, and the Lincoln School Historic Apartments.
- Developed two architecturally significant/economically catalytic, newly constructed, condo style buildings in Milwaukee's Marquette Neighborhood, The Nicole & Tim's Place.
- Developed the catalytic SoHi Building, a mixed use commercial building for retail and office, at 27th and Wells in the transitioning SOHI district on Milwaukee's Near West Side.
- Used various layered financing sources to accomplish neighborhood development projects including historic tax credits, affordable housing tax credits, owner equity, corporate equity, various sources and structures of debt financing, City grants, other grants, etc.
- Developed management approaches which have been successful in transitional urban areas.

John has BS in Electrical Engineering from University of Dayton and an MS in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University. Prior to the formation of Hennessy Group, Inc. John held various engineering, marketing, and sales positions with General Electric.