

## **Bio: Ron Cox**

Dr. Ron Cox is an aerospace engineer with a B.S. and Ph.D. from Iowa State University. His early career included designing airfoils and fighter aircraft for a large defense contractor. Later, he served as a C-level executive at a small cooling tower manufacturer.

Ron was also an Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering professor at the University of Oklahoma. He conducted computational modeling research on hypersonic vehicles, taught undergraduate and graduate courses, and received the university's Outstanding Teacher Award.

More recently, he served as the director of a business outreach unit, associate dean of corporate engagement, and assistant vice president of extension at Iowa State University. His duties included managing \$40 million of grants and contracts supporting economic development activities related to leadership, engineering, productivity, and workforce.

Ron currently runs Midwest Workforce Strategies, a consulting company that helps organizations understand workforce challenges and design plans to grow their labor force.