



## John R. McKernan Jr.

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Former Maine Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. is senior advisor of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which is dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness by addressing developments that affect our nation, our economy, and the global business environment. As senior adviser, he counsels on a broad range of issues impacting the business community.

Additionally, McKernan serves as chairman of the Foundation's Center for Education and Workforce Advisory Board.

McKernan also serves as chairman and CEO of consulting and investment firms McKernan Enterprises, Inc. and Nottingham Equity, Inc. in Portland, Maine.

Until August 2012, he was chairman of the board of directors of Education Management Corporation where he served as CEO from 2003 to 2007 and still serves as a director. Education Management has more than 130,000 students as of October 2012, 20,000 employees, and \$2.8 billion in revenue. It is among the largest providers of postsecondary education in North America based on student enrollment and revenue.

McKernan serves on the boards of directors of BorgWarner, Inc., Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and the American Action Forum, a Washington, D.C., policy institute. He is also chairman of the board of directors of the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges.

He served his native state of Maine for two terms in the U.S. Congress from 1983 to 1987 and then as governor for two, four-year terms from 1987 to 1995. During his two terms as governor, McKernan was chairman of the Education Commission of the States and the National Education Goals Panel and was recognized as an Outstanding Governor by the American Society for Training and Development. He is the author of *Making the Grade*, a book on youth apprenticeship.

McKernan has a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. He and his wife, former U.S. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine), reside in Falmouth, Maine, and in Washington, D.C.