

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, Denver Regional Council of Governments



A former Florida transportation executive, Jennifer Schaufele is the Executive Director of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the first woman to be selected for that position with the 53-year-old regional planning agency. In this capacity, she reports to a member board of 56 city and county members, one of the three oldest councils of governments in the United States. An accomplished governmental director with more than 14 years of service with the Broward County, Florida Board of County Commissioners, Ms. Schaufele also served as director of the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization. She has a proven record of leadership and management of large and multifaceted public sector agencies, experience in advocating for legislation and new funding from Congress and the state legislature, and a commendable history of serving the needs and policy direction of elected boards. Ms. Schaufele directs the work of a 98-member staff engaged in long-range planning for transportation and land use, water quality, advocacy for the region's elderly population, and offering services ranging from commuter assistance to conveyance inspections to the recruitment of fire service personnel.

A graduate of Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida, Ms. Schaufele holds a B.S. in professional management and business administration.