



**Kris Johnson**  
**President & CEO**  
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Kris Johnson is the president & CEO of Association of Washington Business. Johnson joined the Association of Washington Business in July 2010, first serving as the vice president, operations. He then was named president in January 2014.

In his capacity as AWB president & CEO, Kris serves on the following boards/groups of Governor Career Connect Washington Task Force, Washington Health Care Forum, Washington Research Council, Forterra Inc., ReadyNation, American Chamber of Commerce Executives, Enterprise WA, Independent Colleges of Washington, WA Business Week, Council of State Manufacturer Association, Council of State Chambers, and National Association of Manufacturers SAG Executive Committee.

Prior to joining AWB, Johnson was the president and CEO of the Saint Paul Area (MN) Chamber of Commerce. There, Johnson led initiatives resulting in state and federal funding for the Central Corridor Partnership, which brought light rail transit from downtown Minneapolis to downtown Saint Paul. He led a comprehensive rebranding effort of the chamber and played a key role during the 2008 Republican National Convention in the Twin Cities. Johnson was also a member of the Twin Cities leadership team that helped secure funding for reconstruction of the I-35 W Mississippi River Bridge, which collapsed suddenly in 2007.

Before his work in Saint Paul, Johnson served as president and CEO of the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce. It was there that Johnson led a regional chamber merger, resulting in the formation of the new Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, representing the interests of more than 1,250 businesses from five states.

From 1997-2002, Johnson served as manager of government/public affairs at the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce where he led advocacy efforts on local ballot issues and developed a grassroots program.

Johnson is a graduate of the University of Montana-Western and the U.S. Chamber Institute program. In 2003, Johnson earned his certification as a chamber executive by the Institute for Organizational Management from the American Chamber of Commerce. In 2009, Johnson was selected as a Fellow for the Ford Foundation's focus on Regional Sustainability Development.

Johnson, his wife Katie, son Logan and daughters Ellie and Alexa, are residents of Olympia.