



Teri Brahams
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Teri Brahams became the executive director for Pellissippi State Community College's Economic and Workforce Development (Business and Community Services) Division in January 2006 after spending 10 years as the college's director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC). Brahams became Pellissippi's TSBDC director following an extensive banking career. Brahams is an honors graduate of the Masters of Business Administration program at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and received her bachelor's degree with honors from Maryville College.

As executive director, Brahams is responsible for overseeing the activities of not only the TSBDC, but also the continuing education and economic development programs of the college. Her passion for education, workforce and economic development is evident through the many programs and partnerships she has initiated and in which she participates.

Brahams currently serves as Vice President for Areawide Development Corporation (a SBA 504 lender), Treasurer for Global Corporate College (a non-profit dedicated to closing the talent gap) and President of the Technology 2020 Board (a regional venture development organization). She also serves on a number of advisory boards. She has served as past Chairs for the Blount County Chamber Board, Dow Chemical Corporation's local Community Advisory Panel, the Fairview Technology Center Advisory Board and Leadership Blount. Additionally, she has served as a member of the boards for the Blount Education Initiative and the Chamber Foundation where she was Treasurer. She is a member of the Blount Partnership's VIP program and the East Tennessee Industrial Council. She also is active at St. Andrews Episcopal Church where she has served on the Vestry, volunteered as a kindergarten Sunday School teacher and currently serves as Treasurer and sings in the choir.