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Top Skills

Leadership

Creative Problem Solving

Rural Development

Certifications

Confronting Bias: Thriving Across Our Differences

Thomas Vilsack

President and CEO, US Dairy Export Council; Venture Partner, Sustainability at RIDGE-LANE Limited Partners

Des Moines Metropolitan Area

Summary

I have had 30 years of public service including 8 years as the United States Secretary of Agriculture from 2009-2017 during the Obama Administration. I continue to maintain my law license in the state of Iowa. I also am currently serving as a Strategic Advisor to the Chancellor for Colorado State University. In that capacity I am helping to develop a Water Center and a Food and Agriculture Innovation Center for the University as part of its investment in the National Western Center complex in Denver, Colorado. I am currently serving on the World Food Prize Council of Advisors and on the Feeding America Board. I am also affiliated with the strategic advisory and venture development firm of Ridge-Lane Limited Partners. The group was started by R. Brad Lane and the Honorable Thomas J. Ridge.

Experience

RIDGE-LANE Limited Partners

Venture Partner, Sustainability

September 2018 - Present (5 years)

RIDGE-LANE Limited Partners is a strategic advisory and venture development firm founded by financier R. Brad Lane and The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge – focused on root-cause solutions to grand challenges in Education, Sustainability, and Information Technology – with a team of General Partners, Venture Partners, and Senior Advisors who have served at the highest levels of finance, government, and military.

We create value for our clients and society by bridging the gaps between private-sector innovation, investment capital, policy and procurement – across the Federal, State, and Local levels: an innovation ecosystem, providing corporate development to commercialize and scale novel venture-backed technology companies, as well as place-based solutions that improve cities and quality of life.

Our team serves as a fiduciary advisor to companies looking for strategic ways to accelerate growth, providing an integrated offering of Advisory, Capital, and Business Development – aligning the commercial interests of private business, with the needs of society and our future civilization – where our knowledge and networks are leveraged to create maximum value for all stakeholders.

United States Dairy Export Council

CEO and President

February 2017 - Present (6 years 7 months)

Arlington , Virginia

USDA

Secretary

January 2009 - January 2017 (8 years 1 month)

State of Iowa

Governor

January 1999 - January 2007 (8 years 1 month)

City of Mount Pleasant, IA

Mayor

1987 - 1992 (5 years)

Education

Albany Law School

J.D., Law · (1972 - 1975)

Hamilton College

A.B., History · (1968 - 1972)