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John Shemo has spent more than 25 years in municipal and regional planning and economic development in Connecticut. He served as Town Planner for East Hartford for eight years and as Economic Development Director for South Windsor for eight years. Before joining the Growth Council (now know as the MetroHartford Alliance), he was the first executive director of the Corporation for Regional Economic Development, which serves southeastern Connecticut.

His community work includes serving as President of the East Hartford Rotary Club and a Director of the Capital Region Workforce Development Board. In 1980, he served as a member of the Governor's Aquifer Protection Task Force, which established statewide regulations governing the protection of aquifers.

Mr. Shemo earned his B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Connecticut, and his Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Hartford.

He is a Past President of the Connecticut Economic Development Association as well as the Northeastern Economic Developers Association. In 2002 John received the Developer of the Year Award from the CT Chapter of NEDA. Mr. Shemo lectures on a variety of topics on economic development. In 2006 Mr. Shemo received the NEDA Member of the Year Award.

John oversees Economic Development programs and initiatives for the Alliance.