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Delore is a strategy consultant with twenty-five years of domestic and international experience working with local and regional economic development groups, companies and universities. He co-developed the High-Performance Community Initiative while a Senior Fellow at the Denver-based Center for the New West and has spearheaded its development and deployment for over 10 years with regional development organizations, universities and business leaders to create innovation and technology-based economies.

As a research principal investigator he has been awarded seven Small Business Innovation Research awards from USDA to develop leading-edge practices and tools for use by development professionals and community leaders in “metropolitan” and urbanized rural regions to work more effectively with entrepreneurs and to build competitive, innovation-based economies in the global, networked economy.

Delore serves as the Executive Director of the Red River Valley Research Corridor, an initiative championed by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan to build world-class research centers and to provide support to the region’s growing technology sector. He is also a board member of the National Network for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization (N2TEC) Institute, a nationwide consortium of major research universities, Fortune 1500 corporations, and governments whose mission is to increase the level of innovation and technology commercialization in the United States.

He has received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Dakota and a doctoral degree from the Pennsylvania State University where his work focused on the mobilization of territorial-based alliances for economic development.