

Kirk R. Nelson
President – Washington
Qwest Communications

Education:

Nelson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University in 1979, and an MBA in Marketing from Seattle University in 1985.

Business Background:

Kirk Nelson is Washington President for Qwest Communications. Named to this position in December 1999, Nelson is the company's business and policy leader in Washington, responsible for over-seeing all state operations, including legislative and regulatory advocacy.

Since starting his telecommunications career with Pacific Northwest Bell in 1979 in Seattle, Nelson has held a wide range of management posts in Washington, Colorado, Utah and Minnesota. He returned to Seattle in 1996 as the Vice President and General Manager of Local Markets.

Before assuming his current post, he was Vice President of Operations for U S WEST's Business and Government Solutions division. He has previously held positions in Marketing, Finance, Investor Relations, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, and Wholesale Markets.

Nelson currently serves on the executive committees of the Association of Washington Business (AWB) and Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the AWB and Vice Chairman - Membership and Marketing for the Greater Seattle Chamber. He is also on the Advisory Board for the Alber's School of Business at Seattle University, the Board of Directors of the Washington Roundtable, and the WSA Board of Directors.