



## Sandy K. Baruah

President & CEO  
Detroit Regional Chamber

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The Honorable Sandy K. Baruah comes to Michigan after a distinguished career in Washington, D.C. Baruah served as President George W. Bush's last Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). In this role, he was responsible for the SBA's \$18 billion small business loan portfolio. Baruah was one of the senior officials shaping the federal government's response to the 2008 credit crisis and assistance to the U.S. automotive industry.

Prior to leading the SBA, Baruah served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce. In this role he led the federal government's domestic economic development program, the Economic Development Administration (EDA), served as the Senior Advisor to Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez regarding the 2010 Census and represented the U.S. at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. Baruah led the development and implementation of the Agency's award winning balanced scorecard.

Prior to his service in the Bush Administration, Baruah was a corporate mergers and acquisitions consultant for the Performance Consulting Group. He also served in the Administration of President George H. W. Bush (1989 – 1993) and was on the staff of U.S. Senator Bob Packwood (Oregon).

After leaving his most recent government service in early 2009, he was a Distinguished Fellow at the U.S. Council on Competitiveness, a Washington, D.C. – based think tank comprised exclusively of corporate CEOs, university presidents and labor leaders.

Sandy K. Baruah holds a B.S. from the University of Oregon and a MBA from Willamette University. Sandy and Lisa Baruah have one son and live in a household run by the family pets.

