

Sara P. Garretson
President

Sara P. Garretson has led the Industrial & Technology Assistance Corporation (ITAC) as Executive Director/President since its founding in 1987. ITAC is the NYSTAR funded Regional Technology Development Center for New York City. She is responsible for the overall management of the organization that strengthens the economy of New York City by improving the performance of the City's small to mid-size manufacturing and technology firms.

Under her leadership, ITAC has grown to approximately 14 specialists in a wide array of industrial engineering, technology development and business services. ITAC has assisted more than 1,500 New York City firms, in such areas as manufacturing systems, entrepreneurship, technology development, human resources, sales and marketing.

Prior to founding ITAC, she was the Assistant Commissioner of the Division for Industry Relations within the New York City Office of Business Development. There she was responsible for management of economic and industrial development programs. Previously, she headed an economic and financial analysis department of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

Ms. Garretson has participated on many boards and advisory groups, including the Board of the Manufacturing Engineering and Design Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, the Software Industry Association, the New York Community Investment Company and advisory panels addressing a range of economic development issues.

Ms. Garretson has Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Mount Holyoke College.