

Frank Ervin

GROUP VP GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Frank W. Ervin III is responsible for the Piston Group's government relations and economic development activities.



He most recently served as vice president of Specialized MBE Services at the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council and previously had been senior director – Government Affairs at Magna International.

At Magna Frank was promoted to director, government affairs in January of 2012. He was appointed as manager, government affairs in April of 2009. He was responsible for managing all federal, state and local legislative affairs and activities for Magna in the USA. Ervin worked with all business units of Magna on matters involving and needing legislative relations assistance. He was also responsible for building and maintaining positive company relations with members of congress, state and local legislators, officials and their staffs to help create a positive leadership image and business climate.

Prior to joining Magna Ervin spent more than 30 years in various positions in the automotive supply industry that entails the realm of government relations. Ervin also has extensive experience in building a global business structure in the U.S. and

other countries such as Mexico, Japan, South America, Europe and Asia involving a variety of customers including the major automobile manufacturers worldwide and Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 manufacturers worldwide.

Ervin has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia and a master's degree in international business from Chelsea College in London, UK. He also is a Vietnam veteran with service in the U.S. Navy. The new Piston Group executive has held board positions with a variety of organizations, including the Southeastern Michigan United Way and the Organization for International Investment. He also serves as the chairman of the Advocacy Committee at MICHauto which is part of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

