

Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the NanoBusiness Alliance, Shawn Murdock was the Executive Director and a founding board member of AtomWorks, an initiative formed to foster nanotechnology in Illinois and more broadly throughout the Midwest.

Mr. Murdock has established himself as a leading thinker in the areas of nanotechnology commercialization and economic development. He has delivered keynote speeches on the commercialization of nanotechnology at several nanotechnology conferences, and served as co-chair for the commercialization focused NanoCommerce 2003 conference and trade show. He has been quoted extensively on the subject in many leading publications.

Mr. Murdock has been very active in nanotechnology trade and economic development issues. He helped to organize and execute the first Nanotechnology Trade Mission to Europe in conjunction with the NanoBusiness Alliance and the U.S. Department of Commerce. He has also been engaged with senior officials of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Technology Administration on the potential impact of export control issues on nanotechnology development and commercialization.

Prior to founding AtomWorks, Mr. Murdock had more than 7 years experience in management consulting, most recently as Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company. He served a variety of Fortune 500 companies, focusing primarily upon the industrial and chemicals sectors. While there, he developed some of the firm's early perspective on the business opportunities created by the nanotech revolution, publishing the first two internal documents on the subject.

Mr. Murdock received his Masters in Business Administration and Masters in Engineering Management from Northwestern University. He holds a BA in Economics from the University of Notre Dame.