

## **Professional Biography**

### Luis E. Ramirez Thomas, MSFS

Luis is the President of Ramírez Advisors Inter-National, LLC. Ramirez Advisors is a highly specialized firm dedicated to creating and implementing innovative solutions for cross-border business opportunities and improving the ability for goods and people to cross the border.

Luis has over 30 years of experience on US-Mexico border infrastructure projects, North American relations, international business and negotiations, regional economic development, industrial site selection, government procurement, project management and governmental affairs. Luis has dedicated a considerable amount of time, both personal and professional, to fostering better relations with Mexico and Canada, improving the quality of life for the residents of the border and promoting the economic development of the region.

He has led multidisciplinary teams on a number of cross-border projects, including site selection for major manufacturing facilities; design, funding and construction of new ports of entry; assisted companies in pursuing government procurement contracts; and identifying joint venture partners for a variety of business ventures.

He serves on multiple professional and charitable boards and was recently appointed to the Advisors Council to the Administrator of the EPA for the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

Luis received his Bachelor of Arts and Science from the University of Arizona, Cum Laude and his Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University with a Dean's Citation of Service. He attended High School in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.