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Karen LeVert is CEO of Ag TechInventures (AgTI) and also president of Southeast TechInventures (STI). She co-founded these entities as technology innovation labs focused on further developing promising early stage technologies and launching them into the commercial marketplace. AgTI has a sole focus on technology innovation in agriculture.



Ms. LeVert's business experience encompasses both corporate and entrepreneurial worlds with over twenty-five years of successful leadership experience in start-ups, technology commercialization, and executive management. She started her career at a Fortune-500 insurance company in positions of increasing responsibility over 14 years from computer programmer, to controller, to general manager of a 500-person Property & Casualty service center. Her first entrepreneurial venture was launching a franchise bioremediation company in North Carolina that she later sold in 2001. Before co-founding STI, Karen co-founded a Silicon Valley based software company focused on recruiting in collegiate athletics. Karen earned an MBA from the University of Dayton and an Information Technology undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University (while receiving All-Academic honors captaining her Division 1 basketball team).

Along with her professional duties she serves as a Board member for the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, North Carolina School of Science and Math, NC IDEA Foundation, and LCBA Life Insurance company. She also is on the Board of Advisors for The Center of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.