



William J. Sugrue

**FIRM: MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BORN: CLEVELAND OHIO, 1923
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After serving in Uncle Sam's Army between 1943-46, Bill continued his education at the School of Foreign Service, going onto graduate work in Washington at American University. Upon the earning of his degree, he joined the Department of Labor Relations as a statistician. Between 1952-58, he worked with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in advertising and public relations carrying Bill all over New England. "You could say that I rode the rails for nothing."

In 1957, Bill Sugrue was appointed by then Governor Foster Furcolo as Director of Development in the Mass. Dept. of Commerce and in 1965 he was appointed by Governor John Volpe as Deputy Commissioner in charge of the commercial and industrial development bureau, the women's bureau, the New York bureau and all promotions. Since 1957 the projects of the department have tripled including various seminars, free publications on industrial sites, shopping centers and many other tools for the trade. Bill's advertising and public relations experience has been invaluable for the commonwealth as some of the finest promotions in the country have originated out of Sugrue's department.

"Signs point to the State turning the economic corner, particularly in Science and technology and it looks as though the future will bring big strides in oceanography. Our business climate is also improving and we have always had a good labor relations. One of our major improvements in the election of a 4-year governor. For the first time in history, a governor will be able to finish the programs he starts."

Sugrue is married and resides in Needham with his four children. He is an avid reader of historical novels, is a member of the Am. Ind. Development Council, a charter member of the Northeast Ind. Development Council, former secretary of the Mass. Ind. Development Council and a member of the N.E. Council Ind. Commission.