

Richard Dicerni

Deputy Minister, Industry Canada



Richard Dicerni was appointed Deputy Minister of Industry Canada in May 2006.

Born and raised in Montreal, Mr. Dicerni graduated from the College Sainte Marie in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts; he pursued graduate studies at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard where he earned a Master's in Public Administration in 1981.

Mr. Dicerni started his career as a special advisor to a Federal Cabinet Minister in 1969. In the seventies and eighties, he held a number of executive positions in the federal public service including Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Health and Welfare and Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet.

In 1992 he joined the Ontario Government as Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy; in 1995, he assumed the position of Deputy Minister, Education, Post Secondary Education and Training.

In 1996, Mr. Dicerni was appointed President and CEO of the newly established Canadian Newspaper Association. Mr. Dicerni left this position in 1998 to become Senior Vice President at Ontario Power Generation. He stayed at OPG for the next seven years and was the acting President and CEO between 2003 and 2005.

Prior to rejoining the Canadian Government, Mr. Dicerni was a partner at Mercer Delta, a management consulting firm.