



**Bob West**, Account Director of State Government and Higher Education vertical markets for Earthlink Business and is responsible for the southeast and midwest regions of the US. having been in the business for 20+ years in the government and education space. Bob has received numerous awards for sales excellence and customer service. Bob currently manages statewide contracts for the state of Florida, South Carolina, and the state of Louisiana. Further, Bob was the advertising spokesperson for QWEST, doing television and print ads on behalf of QWEST. Mr. West graduated with a BA from the University of KY and he is a University of Kentucky fellow, lifetime alumnus, and University of KY varsity alumnus member. He also serves as Trustee of the Robert T. West Family Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization that contributes to many charities including the Methodist Home of KY and the Lexington Rescue Mission, and is a member of the Corporate Affiliates Council for the National Association of State Technology Directors. Bob's daughter, Emily, proudly is a graduate of Murray State University and received her doctorate in Physical Therapy from Bellarmine University. She is currently the director of acute Physical Therapy at Baptist Health System. He has 3 other children, Taylor, Turner and Blair each of whom have graduate degrees and/or are studying for/or have received their doctorate degrees. He is married to his lovely wife Patti and recently added a new member to the family, a new Boxer pup Bootsie was welcomed on Derby Day.