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Dr. Richard Voith is a Senior Vice President and Principal of Econsult Corporation. He is an economist whose contributions to economics span both the academic and popular press. Dr. Voith has overseen a wide variety of projects in the realm of housing, labor markets and economic development, but just as importantly, he has been involved in setting the strategic directions of organizations, large and small.

In particular, Dr. Voith is a well-known expert in real estate economics, transportation, and applied microeconomics. He currently teaches Cost Benefit Analysis through the Wharton School's Business and Public Policy Department, as well as Urban Real Estate Economics through the School's Real Estate Department. Prior to joining Econsult, Dr. Voith held the position of Economic Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia where his responsibilities included analysis of Philadelphia's regional economy.

In addition to his consulting and academic research, Dr. Voith has worked frequently in the public policy arena. In 2006, Dr. Voith was appointed by Governor Rendell to the newly created Transportation Funding and Reform Commission charged with recommending appropriate levels of funding for transit systems, roads and bridges throughout the Commonwealth. Dr. Voith also served on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (1992-2000) as one of two representatives for the city of Philadelphia on the Board. He served as Vice Chairman of SEPTA for 3 years, 1996-1998. During his tenure, he participated in the procurement of a new fleet of subway cars, the hiring of a new management team, development of financing mechanisms for an ambitious capital plan as well as efforts to dramatically streamline the authority to reduce costs while expanding service throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

Over the last 15 years, Dr. Voith has served on several National Academy of Science Foundation Advisory Panels addressing topics such as the interrelationships between highway and transit investment and land use, valuing the costs and benefits of transit investments, and the relationships between land use and public health. He has been a guest speaker at numerous forums probing issues central to the patterns of metropolitan development, including those sponsored by the Lincoln Land Institute, the Brookings Institution, the Urban Land Institute, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Until 2007, Dr. Voith served on the editorial board of Real Estate Economics.