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Lorrie Foster is vice president of foundation relations for The Conference Board. In this role, she is responsible for securing new sources of project funding for the organization. She also leads The Conference Board Initiative on Corporate Philanthropy, which covers the development of a service to support corporate global employee volunteering.

Prior to assuming this role, Foster was vice president of councils, during which time she directed 75 global and U.S. function-specific peer networking groups. In an earlier position, she was responsible for launching The Conference Board Research Working Group program. Foster was co-project director of the Mature Workforce Initiative and coauthor of *Managing the Mature Workforce: Implications and Best Practices*, a much-quoted 2005 report.

Prior to joining The Conference Board, Foster was executive director of the World Trade Institute at the World Trade Center in New York, an economic development venture of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She also served as the founding executive director of the New Jersey Governor's Commission on International Trade.

Foster also held management positions in strategic planning and global public affairs at AT&T International. In these positions, she managed CEO-level European and Asian advisory councils and advised senior executives on the business impact of global political, economic, social, and regulatory trends.

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