



# Peter O'Neill

***President,*** American Chamber of Commerce Ireland  
**Managing Director, IBM Ireland**

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Peter O'Neill was appointed President of the American Chamber of Commerce Ireland in January 2012.

The American Chamber represents the interests of the 600 US companies in Ireland which employ over 100,000 people and have a total investment of \$190 billion. The importance of US investment to Ireland is not just in terms of employment. US firms paid over €6bn to the Irish Exchequer and contributed a further €16bn in expenditure to the Irish economy in terms of payrolls, goods and services employed in their operations, in total US companies account for 26% of Irish GDP.

As President of the American Chamber, Peter O'Neill, together with the Chamber Executive, will be advising government on the competitiveness challenges facing US companies in Ireland and promoting the importance of foreign direct investment to the economy.

One of the top priorities of his Presidency will be to assist in addressing Ireland's skills balance, to ensure Ireland's workforce has an adequate number of people with qualifications and experience in the areas of Maths, Science & Engineering.

Peter O'Neill is also Managing Director of IBM Ireland, a role he was appointed to in May 2010. He previously served as Director of IBM Sales and Distribution in Ireland. Having joined IBM in 1981, he has held leadership positions in sales, finance and general management in both Europe and the United States.

In Ireland since 1956, IBM is one of the longest standing US companies in Ireland and one of the largest employers. With offices nationwide the company provides advanced information technology products, services, and consulting expertise. Ireland is also host to a range of key global IBM missions including Research & Development, Software Development and Treasury.

Peter was appointed to the Board of the American Chamber in 2010. In addition to his role with the Chamber he sits on the National Council of IBEC. He has previously served as a Board Member of the Irish Research Council and of the Board of the Dublin City University Trust.

He holds a degree in Economics from UCD and is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.