

## **ERNEST C. SHEA**

Ernie Shea is the coordinator of the 25 x '25 Alliance through which over 700 agricultural, forestry, environmental and conservation organizations and corporations are working together to advance sustainable renewable energy solutions from America's working lands.

Ernie has 30 years of experience at the national, state and local level where he has worked in partnership with government agencies, agricultural and conservation organizations and business leaders helping landowners and managers conserve, protect and ensure the orderly development of the nation's natural resources.

From 1986-2004 Shea served as Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). As CEO of NACD, Shea represented and facilitated the effective functioning of the association consisting of nearly 3,000 local units of government, 17,000 public officials and 7,000 employees with combined annual budgets exceeding \$1 billion.