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Prior to joining FLC, Ken was Director of Faculty Programs in the Office of University Relations and Fellowship Programs at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. He has also held leadership positions at Harvard University, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the University of Arizona, Montana State University, and the University of Montana. He has been Principal Investigator on projects funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and Department of Energy, and has served as consultant to foundations and federal agencies in the areas of higher education policy and math, science, and engineering education. His past service includes membership on the Committee for Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering for the National Science Foundation, the Board of Directors of the All Nations Alliance for Minority Participation, the Tribal College Advisory Committee for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and Research Associate with the National Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research. Ken has also served on the Minority Graduate Education Committee for the Council of Graduate Schools, the Board of Directors for the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science, and Math and Science for All. Currently he serves on an advisory committee to the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. In 2000, Dr. Pepion received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Mentoring.

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