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- Charter Member – American Institute of Certified Planners
- Past President – Home Builders Association (HBA) of Greater St. Louis
- Mayor’s Task Force on Retail Development, City of St. Louis
- Board of Directors – Chesterfield Arts Council
- Past Director – South City YMCA
- Member-International Council of Shopping Centers
- Member - Urban Land Institute
- Adjunct Faculty - Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design, Washington University - St. Louis

Dean Burns is the Senior Vice President of Development Services for Gundaker Commercial Group, Inc. (GCG). With more than 25 years of development experience in the St. Louis Metro area, he brings a wealth of knowledge of the commercial real estate to GCG. His depth of experience with retail, office, multi-family residential, industrial development and neighborhood redevelopment is virtually unsurpassed. Dean is an integral part of the GCG team as the organization grows and seeks new opportunities and challenges in the St. Louis Metro area and beyond.

Dean began his development career as a City Planner for the City of St. Louis, experiencing development from a public policy perspective. Here he formed a knowledge base in planning and land use issues, zoning, redevelopment strategies. He designed and implemented programs for community revitalization, housing rehabilitation and public infrastructure. Dean then transitioned to the private sector, as President and CEO of Westminster-St. Louis, Inc., a real estate development, construction and property management firm specializing in neighborhood redevelopment and property rehabilitation. Westminster’s successes in St. Louis spanned over a decade. Also prior to joining GCG, Dean consulted in economic and community development and was a development project manager for THF Realty, a large regional retail developer based in St. Louis. His career path has allowed him to combine his public and private sector experiences to have an understanding of the development process that few attain.

Dean holds a Master’s Degree in City and Regional Planning from Southern Illinois University and an MBA in Finance from Washington University. Throughout his career, Dean has been active in professional, civic and community organizations.