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**John M. Clerici, JD** is a co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of Altesa. As the founding Principal of Tiber Creek Partners, LLC, John has been a leader in public health preparedness for over twenty years, including assisting large pharmaceutical and emerging biotechnology companies develop creative approaches to access non-dilutive capital to fund their solutions for emerging disease and engineered biothreats. Since 1999, John has assisted over three dozen companies to obtain nearly \$6 billion in funding for research, development and procurement of public health countermeasures by the Federal government, including the majority of the awards made under Project Bioshield - the U.S. Government's initiative for preparing the Nation for pandemics and bioterrorist attack through the development and procurement of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. These technologies were significantly utilized or leveraged during the federal response to COVID-19.

In 2005, John was a significant contributor to the drafting and passage of the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act), which is the landmark legislation providing liability protection for manufacturers and distributors of pandemic, epidemic, and bioterrorism countermeasures. John testified as an expert in support of this legislation on four occasions before the United States Senate Appropriations Committee, HELP Committee, and Judiciary Committee. The PREP Act was a critical tool utilized during the US Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, utilized for multiple programs including Operation Warp Speed and the national COVID-19 testing program. In 2006, John was also instrumental in the passage of legislation creating the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), which builds upon and improves Project BioShield, and was a primary driver of innovation during COVID-19. John earned his Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He did his undergraduate work at the Catholic University of America, graduating summa cum laude.