Laurie Villasuso joined the Orange County IDA in 2011, and has led the organization since 2015. Through her work, she has assisted in bringing nearly $1.5 billion in investments and thousands of jobs to the region.

Villasuso, who also currently serves as vice chair of the New York State Economic Development Council, has been instrumental in growing The Accelerator to its maximum in-house capacity; helping emerging businesses in the scale-up and validation phases of their operations; offering support in manufacturing, supply-chain and distribution networks; and in providing business management, marketing and financing. She also works to help women and minority entrepreneurs get their proper MWBE certifications.

A trained Economic Developer, Villasuso spent a decade in the banking industry prior to joining the Orange County IDA. She currently serves as a mentor at the Orange County Youth Bureau and on an advisory committee of the New York State Workforce Investment Board.