

## THERESA SPEAKE



Theresa Speake currently operates Speake Consulting Services assisting small and minority firms with access to federal government contracting. As a presidential appointee from 2001 through 2009, Theresa served as Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact and Diversity and as the Director of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Theresa retired from DOE in January, 2009.

Prior to coming to the Department of Energy, Ms. Speake worked with the government of the State of California in different capacities, including: Director of the Office of Small and Disabled Veteran Business of the Department of Transportation; Director of the Business Outreach Office of the Employment Development Department; and Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Office of the Governor.

Ms. Speake has been an advocate for small and minority businesses since the late seventies. She has been recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce as a Minority Business Advocate and by the State of California as a Woman Business Advocate. In 2003 Ms. Speake was identified by Hispanic Magazine as one of the Top 100 Latinas in the country.

Ms. Speake holds a bachelor of business administration from California State University (Fresno), an MBA from Golden Gate University in Sacramento, California and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2004.