



Dr. Ronald Johnson

Commissioner Johnson is serving in his 12th year with *the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority*, where he serves as Secretary and Chair of the Committee on Minority and Women Businesses Issues.

He is regarded as a dedicated public servant and a trusted advisor to many who seek to navigate the complex and difficult business and economic conditions of our times.

He has over 30 years of business ownership in the defense and telecommunications industries. He was a successful protégé to a major telecommunications company, and is now assisting businesses and universities with finding ways to create business opportunities and sustainable jobs.

Commissioner Johnson served on the *Obama/Biden Transition Team* as an external advisor and subject matter expert on small and minority business matters. He was appointed in 2009 to the *FCC Diversity Committee on Communications in the Digital Age*. He has also served on Department of Commerce public panels related to the impact of the stimulus and broadband initiatives on 8(a) firms and other small and minority businesses.

As a Director of the Minority Media and Telecom Coalition, Commissioner Johnson is regarded as an subject matter expert on broadband policy and regulatory matters in the telecommunications industry, particularly as it relates to underserved and unserved areas in the United States and Africa.

At the state level, Johnson has held distinguished leadership positions during the terms of six (6) Virginia governors. His appointments include: *Rector*, Virginia State University Board of Visitors; *Chairman and President*, Virginia State University Foundation Board of Trustees; *Vice-Chairman (first African American)*, Virginia Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services; *Co-Chairman and a Founding Member*, Governor's Foundation for a Drug Free Virginia; Highway Transportation Advisory Board; Southern Technology Council ; Virginia Alcohol & Beverage Control (ABC) Board's Technology Advisory Group; and, *Trustee*, Virginia Historical Society.

His business awards include: Virginia's Outstanding Business, Virginia's Best of the Best, U.S. Small Business Award, and "Top 25 Blacks in Technology" by Black Enterprise Magazine, ; and' he is a former contributor to The Loeb Report.

Commissioner Johnson received his BA, Political Science, Virginia State University; MA, Political and Urban Studies, University of Cincinnati as a *Danforth Fellow*; M.Ed, Business Education, Xavier (Ohio) University. In 1991, he was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters from Virginia State University.

Johnson completed his military obligation at the rank of Captain, US Army Quartermaster Corp.