

# **RONALD A. HOPKINS**

## **Biography**

Ronald A. Hopkins is the Director of Economic Development with the City of Mount Rainier. With over 20 years of business and educational experience, he has been successful in identifying, spearheading and completing comprehensive projects while maintaining positive relationships between government agencies, non-profit organizations and the business community.

Ronald is a graduate from Syracuse University with a triple major in Marketing, Management Information Systems (MIS), and Transportation Distribution Management (TDM).

He is an entrepreneur and versatile staff member with a wealth of work experience in diverse industries such as Automotive Sales, Banking, Business Education, International Trade, and Health Care. Ronald has also served as a program manager for the Educational Opportunities Center (EOC) and Strafford Business Schools in New York, and the Center for Literacy in Philadelphia.

Ronald was last employed as a Business Consultant with Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (PGCEDC). He was responsible for supporting businesses in need of economic growth and workforce development assistance. In fact, he created and coordinated numerous promotional activities such as employer hiring events, information sessions, panel discussions, and seminars to increase client awareness and encourage full utilization of Prince George's County plethora of business services.

Prior to joining PGCEDC, Ronald was the Workforce Development Program Officer with the DC Trust. He monitored the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and DC Trust funded grantees to ensure compliance and quality assurance with federal, state and local granting authorities. In addition, he provided leadership, technical assistance and developed strategic alliances that strengthened the quality and accessibility of educational opportunities and workforce services for youth and adults.

Ronald A. Hopkins is a Veteran of the United States Air Force and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He volunteers as a mathematics tutor and self defense karate instructor.