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President, Hampton Roads Ventures

Robert K. Jenkins, Jr., through his work for the DC Housing Authority, NeighborWorks America and as a tax attorney for the Securities & Exchange Commission, ignited his commitment for attracting private sector investment capital into lower income communities. When the federal government created a program that offered tax credits to people who invested in low-income communities, he seized the opportunity to create Hampton Roads Ventures (HRV).

When the New Markets Tax Credits program was officially announced, Jenkins was among the first to recognize the potential for tax credits to be used as a catalyst for revitalizing and establishing neighborhood development in urban and rural distressed areas often overlooked by major investors. Having applied for and received four New Markets Tax Credit allocations totaling \$160 million under the guidance and direction of Jenkins, HRV has funded many outstanding projects. These projects include the restoration of the Historic Crispus Attucks Theatre in Norfolk, Va; the adaptive reuse of Richmond, Virginia's historic Miller & Rhoads Department Store into a 250-room Hilton Garden Inn, residential condominiums and retail shops; and the development of a 30,000 sq. ft. medical office building in the Appalachia region of Virginia which when complete will triple the number of available physicians to the area.

In addition, Mr. Jenkins helped to redevelop Roanoke, Virginia's historic Hotel Dumas and Strand Theater, where the pioneering African-American filmmaker Oscar Micheaux lived and worked, into a cultural and performing arts venue and a collegiate level, culinary arts educational facility administered by the Roanoke Higher Education Center, respectively. Jenkins continues to be very active in the New Markets Tax Credits arena often being called on to make presentations before Congressional leaders, at conferences and seminars. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New Markets Tax Credit Coalition and the Old Dominion University Community Development Corporation.