

Tony T. Brown

Tony T. Brown, President & CEO of the T. Brown Consulting Group, has a distinguished record of achievement in the field of community development finance. In March 2004 – December 2009, Mr. Brown served as the founding President & CEO of the Uptown Consortium (“UCI”). UCI was formed by the chief executive officers of Uptown’s four largest employers and the region’s leading tourist attraction to redevelop seven neighborhoods that comprised a significant portion of Cincinnati’s Empowerment Zone area. Brown lead Uptown to become a regionally important area and CDC that sparked over \$400 million in catalytic development and raised over \$100 million in private capital. Brown was instrumental in building UCI from a start up CDC to an organization with over \$62 million in assets.

Previously, Mr. Brown served as Director of the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, a government-owned corporation at the United States Department of Treasury, from August 2001 to March 2004. During his tenure, Mr. Brown successfully implemented the New Markets Tax Credit Program and supervised the first \$6 billion in tax credit authority allocated. Mr. Brown restructured the CDFI Fund and many of its traditional financial assistance award programs to Community Development Financial Institutions to ensure and maintain its status as a government sponsored enterprise at the Department of Treasury.

Mr. Brown began his career in banking in 1982. In 1985, he joined Bank of America in Florida through the acquisition of Barnett Banks, Inc. From 1990 to 2001, he was the Senior Vice President of Community Development for Bank of America in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Brown’s leadership helped the bank to achieve over \$2 billion in annual loan production and “Outstanding” ratings in Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance for Barnett Bank. Under his leadership, the bank was recognized as the leading large bank producer of Small Business Administration loans in 1995 and 1996.

Mr. Brown’s involvement in community and economic development is quite extensive. In 2008, he served as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governor’s Consumer Advisory Council. His present board memberships include service to the Community Reinvestment Fund and the New Markets Tax Credit Coalition. Mr. Brown serves on the Board of Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, the Talbert House (social service organization offering programs on prevention and reintegration) and advisor to several University of Cincinnati programs: Economics Center for Education & Research; Institute for Policy Research and the University’s School of Real Estate Executive Advisory Council. Brown is a member of Leadership Florida (Class XIII) and served previously as a director of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the Black Business Investment Board in Palm Beach County, Downtown Cincinnati, Inc., to name just a few.

His commitment and advocacy for community and economic development has been recognized by many organizations. He has been honored by the United States Secretary of Treasury, John Snow, in appreciation for “*contributions to the effective and efficient operations of the Department of Treasury;*” an African-American Achiever in Business (Florida); Business Leader of the Year Nominee by the Palm Beach Post; and has received Community Service Awards from a variety of organizations.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio with a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs and Business.