



Michael D. Stewart

Michael D. Stewart is a native of Jacksonville and has made this his home since 1974. As a Civil Engineer with a Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University, he began his career with Gulf Oil, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in Design and Construction. Upon returning to Jacksonville, he worked with Offshore Power Systems, Inc. and J.A. Jones Construction Co. His telecom career started in 1977, and after almost 27 years with Southern Bell/BellSouth, he has spent almost 19 years with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) and serves as Vice President of External Affairs, responsible for Media Relations, Governmental Affairs, Community Affairs and Public Relations.

During his first fourteen years with BellSouth, Michael gained valuable experience in several areas including the design and construction of BellSouth administrative and equipment facilities, budget, personnel, and property management and worked on the design/build team for the BellSouth Tower. Michael ended his career at BellSouth as the Regional Manager of Corporate and External Affairs for Northeast Florida where he managed Government Relations, Community Affairs and Public/Media Relations in Nassau, Duval and St. Johns counties.

Michael started with JAA on December 1, 2004 during the airport's busiest travel season and in its final implementation stages for Super Bowl XXXIX. As Director of External Affairs for JAA, he was responsible for the Authority's Media Relations, Governmental Affairs, Community Affairs and Public Relations.

Michael's long-standing dedication to community service is revealed by his active participation with numerous civic organizations in Northeast Florida and for which he has been repeatedly honored. As a former Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) board chair and co-chair of the JTA's Community Advisory Committee, Michael was involved in the planning phase of the development of Jacksonville's rapid transit system. He is also past chair of DownTown Visions, Inc., Jacksonville & Beaches Convention and Visitors Bureau, (now known as Visit Jacksonville), Communities-In-Schools (CIS) of Nassau County, and Communities-In-Schools (CIS) of Jacksonville, enjoying a more than 30 year commitment to CIS Jacksonville. In 2003, at the request of the newly-elected mayor for the City of Jacksonville, John Peyton, Michael served on the Mayor's Transition Team reviewing the city's Planning Department. He has also served as board chair for the Jacksonville Urban League and the Duval Public Education Foundation.