



Bio: Dana Henson

Dana Henson is the Vice President of The Henson Development Company, Inc. (THC) and is responsible for management of all business operations/business development and community relations, for the company. She also manages the coordination/recruitment and management of M/WBE and community hires and the development of strategic business and government partnerships for meeting such goals. THC excels in structuring and obtaining sophisticated mixed financing that include LIHTCs, bonds, HOPE VI funds, municipal funds, developer equity and other private and public sources. The firm's vast portfolio includes over \$600 Million in developments of low-to-moderate income rental and homeownership units, elderly housing, garden and high-rise facilities, and townhouses. THC is currently 1 of four partners working on the \$1 Billion dollar Choice Neighborhood redevelopment of Perkins-Somerset-Oldtown (PSO) in Baltimore, Maryland and the \$100 Million redevelopment of 17.3 acres in Park Heights.

Ms. Henson is also the Owner and President of Platform Construction, LLC, a 100% woman-minority-owned construction business. Specializing in Doors, Frames and Hardware and all finish trades for new construction commercial projects. Platform is sought after for Ms. Henson's personal hands on oversight and attention to detail. Platform has grown to working on multi-million dollar projects after only 4 years in business. Platform has worked on projects such as Point Street Apartments and Wills Wharf, a Hilton Canopy Hotel located in Harbor Point, Baltimore, Maryland.

Being a serial entrepreneur, Ms. Henson is also the owner and designer of Au Fait Designs, a luxury bespoke clothing and accessories brand. Mastering her entrepreneurship skills has allowed Ms. Henson to expand her brand to offer consulting services to those starting businesses.

With a strong commitment to give back; and more specifically, the education of our youth, Ms. Henson Founded her own non-profit, T.E.A.M. (Teaching Education and Motivation-T.E.A.M.) developed out of the realization that there is a strong need for educational programs to help motivate our youth. This program caught the attention of Doug Becker, Founder of Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc. and his Contract

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Services Division. They were a key financial contributor to the start up and operations of TEAM from 1995-1997.

Ms. Henson has held executive marketing and sales positions with IBM and Xerox Corporation and as the previous Deputy Executive Director of Maryland/District of Columbia Minority Supplier Development Council (MD/DC MSDC), Founder and Executive Director of her own foundation and former Business Manager for retired NFL player, Chris McAlister, and various other consulting positions, Ms. Henson is a true professional and continues to lead all of her businesses in all areas in the pursuit of excellence.

Dana is a Cum Laude graduate of Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Business Administration and minor in Accounting, completing her degree in 3 years.

Ms. Henson currently serves as a Board Member of Port Discovery Children's Museum sitting on the Diversity, Future Focus and Governance Committees.

Ms. Henson is also a CityLab Fellow and a part of the Capstone Review Team assisting with the evaluation of projects of the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School at Johns Hopkins University.