

Luwanda W. Jenkins

Luwanda W. Jenkins was appointed Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs in May 2007. As Special Secretary, she is responsible for working with the business community to expand minority and women-owned firms in the State of Maryland to fulfill commitments in state contract spending. She has over 20 years of experience in the field of communications and management, including community relations, marketing and program development with both public and private sector companies.

A committed advocate and volunteer, Ms. Jenkins has received numerous awards, including the Governor's Distinguished Service Award, Maryland's Top 100 Women, *Press Time* Magazine's 20 under 40, and Towson University's Distinguished Black Marylander. She is a graduate of the Greater Baltimore Committee's Leadership Program and the University of Maryland's Howard P. Rawlings Leadership Program for Public Sector Leaders. She received a Bachelor's degree in mass communications from Towson State University, and a Master's degree in administrative science from the Johns Hopkins University.