



Bio

Ines Polonius

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Ms. Polonius is a founding member and Executive Director of alt.Consulting, an innovative non-profit organization started in 1998 to provide customized, managerial assistance and capital to rural-based and minority-owned businesses throughout Arkansas, Mississippi and West Tennessee. In 2009, she launched alt.Capital, a subsidiary of alt.Consulting which combines managerial assistance with loan funds to create access to capital to entrepreneurs locked out of traditional lending sources.

Ms. Polonius leads a team of eight management consultants and has personally worked with over 230 small businesses in manufacturing, distribution, service and retail. She has conducted financial audits, facilitated planning sessions and customized financial management systems for these businesses.

As a Business Development Consultant at the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, she served more than 30 clients through an intensive management consulting process. Ms. Polonius earned a Masters in Business Administration and a Masters of Economics at Boston University. Prior to pursuing her graduate work, she worked for three years with rural micro-enterprise development projects in Chile and the Dominican Republic. She has also worked as a financial manager for several manufacturers and a distribution companies in Hamburg, Germany. Ms. Polonius received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a specialization in international economic development.

Ms. Polonius currently serves on the board of Regions Bank Community Development Corporation. She is an active member of the Arkansas Association for Two Year Colleges' Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee. She plays a leadership role in the Arkansas

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Design Work Group, working to implement eleven coordinated strategies to address poverty and drive economic development in the Arkansas Delta Region. She is a co-founder and facilitator for the Pine Bluff Entrepreneurship Collaborative and its investment arm, the Pine Bluff Entrepreneurship Investment Initiative. She is on the steering committee of the Citizens First Congress which is looking at strategies to promote entrepreneurship in rural Arkansas.

In the past, Ms Polonius has served on the board of the Southern Rural Development Initiative and was a member of the Coordinating Committee for the strategic planning process (Pine Bluff 20/20) in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She served as the facilitator for the Entrepreneurship Team of the Kellogg Foundation's Mid-South Delta Initiative.

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