

Rose Washington Rentie
Executive Director
TEDC

As executive director of Tulsa Economic Development Corporation, Rose Washington Rentie is responsible for developing, implementing, and overseeing activities that support the organization's mission of providing “progressive lending to promising businesses.” In partnership with a variety of stakeholders, TEDC uses public and private resources to help build communities through small business start-up and expansion. With broad experience creating strategic alliances with diverse communities and organizations, Rose is known to be resourceful, creative and solutions-oriented. Under her leadership, TEDC has grown its loan portfolio by over 300%. The organization now reaches over 300 entrepreneurs and small businesses each year.

Rose joined TEDC in December 2001. Prior to arriving in Oklahoma, she enjoyed a successful career in community and government relations with the University of Southern California, as well as, several years in banking and higher education in Mississippi. She holds a BBA in Finance and an MBA from Mississippi State University and Mississippi College, respectively. Rose and her husband have two children: Mariah (14) and Morris III (7).

Leadership and Honors

Leadership Oklahoma, Class XXIV (2010-2011)
Board Member, Oklahoma City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Board Member, BOKF Community Development Corporation
Board Member, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce
Committee Chairperson, nTEDI (north Tulsa Economic Development Initiative)
Adjunct Professor, OSU Riata Center for Entrepreneurship
Instructor, Tulsa Association for Enterprise Opportunity
SBA Oklahoma Minority Small Business Champion of the Year
Tulsa Metro Chamber Financial Services Champion of the Year
Woman of Achievement, Tulsa Chapter of Business and Professional Women
Sigma Gamma Rho Status of Women Award
Tulsa Links Service Award
Graduate, Leadership Tulsa Class 29
Former Advisor, Oklahoma Black Chamber of Commerce
Former Member of Advisory Committee, NBC Bank
Former Chairman of the Board, Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League
Former Treasurer, Brick Town Homeowners Association
Former Board Member, Business and Industry Development Corporation
Former Board Member, John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation
Former Member, Greenwood Area Redevelopment Authority