

TAMEKA MONTGOMERY, MPA

CEO | Core Strategy Partners

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Mission-driven executive with 20+ years of experience leading transformational strategies at the intersection of entrepreneurship, economic development, and social innovation. Known for designing and scaling high-impact programs in both government and nonprofit sectors, with a proven track record of delivering data-backed solutions that drive measurable results. Former presidential appointee with expertise in strategy design, stakeholder engagement, and systems-level change.

EXPERIENCE

President & CEO, Core Strategy Partners — 2018–Present

Social impact research and strategy consulting firm

- Founded and lead a boutique firm supporting government, nonprofit, and corporate clients with data-informed strategies to improve programs, policies, and investments.
- Spearhead complex projects focused on economic development, workforce development, and small business ecosystems.
- Lead qualitative and quantitative research, stakeholder engagement, and strategy development with a focus on underserved communities.
- Built strategic partnerships and a high-performing team of consultants to deliver impact across sectors.

Associate Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration — 2013–2017

Appointed by President Obama

- Directed national entrepreneurial training and education programs, including SBDCs, Women's Business Centers, and SCORE.
- Managed a \$160M annual budget and led a team of 50+ federal employees to support over 1.5 million entrepreneurs annually.
- Testified before Congress and forged public-private partnerships to expand access to entrepreneurship support nationwide.

Executive Director, Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation — 2012–2013



- Led Colorado's premier civic leadership organization, managing a \$2M+ budget and a 55-member board.
- Developed and implemented strategies to innovate programming and increase community impact.
- Elevated the organization's visibility and strengthened cross-sector partnerships.

Executive Director, Denver Metro SBDC — 2005–2012

- Revitalized underperforming center into the #1 SBDC in the U.S. (2012).
- Developed new training programs, expanded strategic partnerships, and increased funding.
- Recognized as a small business policy expert and advisor to elected officials.

Director, Inner-City Community Development Corporation — 2001–2004

- Launched and managed a small business incubator in a revitalized commercial corridor.
- Built coalitions with government agencies, lenders, and business mentors.
- Created impactful training and support programs for early-stage entrepreneurs.

Presidential Management Fellow, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

U.S. Department of Justice — 1998–2000

- Oversaw federal grant compliance and provided technical assistance to state and local leaders.
- Selected for a pilot initiative supporting community-based strategic planning across the U.S.

Peace Corps Volunteer, English Teacher — 1993–1995

Cape Verde, West Africa

EDUCATION

Honorary Doctorate, Business Administration in Entrepreneurship – Johnson & Wales University

Master of Public Administration – Columbia University

Bachelor of Arts – Spelman College

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- **Founder**, Montgomery County Children's Business Fair
- **Advisory Board Member**, Maryland Women's Business Center