

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **PATRICIA SMITH**

Retired Finance Professional, City of Atlanta

Patricia Smith retired from the City of Atlanta with an extensive career and background in Finance with over twenty-eight years of service. With a demonstrated ability to implement and improve fiscal controls and processes, Mrs. Smith served as the Director of Finance and Administration for two public safety departments. Her significant leadership accomplishments include the restructuring and computerization of departmental processes and accounting systems which enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization. Prior positions included Deputy Director of Administration, Administrative Service Manager, Departmental Budget Manager and Financial Analyst. As a result of Mrs. Smith's demonstrated leadership and managerial skills, she was a recipient of the "2005 Women in History Award" presented by Mayor Shirley Franklin. Her background also includes the position of Assistant Tax Collector for the City of Newark, New Jersey.

Patricia Smith is a graduate of Florida A. and M. University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. She has participated in various Executive Management Training programs and completed advanced public administration courses of study.

Mrs. Smith focuses on working with young ladies for cultural exposure and motivation of self-esteem. She gives of her time in the community through neighborhood outreach projects for the objective of a better quality of living. She has served as and volunteered in various organizations in the capacity from treasurer to President. In her spare time, Mrs. Smith enjoys graphic arts and international travel.