



Carlecia D. Wright

Director

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Carlecia D. Wright, is the Director for the Office of Business Opportunity or O-B-O. In April 2011, Ms. Wright was appointed by Mayor Parker to ensure that the City's small, minority, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises have meaningful participation in the city's procurement process. Prior to her appointment, she worked for the City of New York's Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise Program, where she served as the Executive Director of Policy, Planning and Operations, as well as the Executive Director of Certification and Recruitment.

Under her leadership, the number of small, minority, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises certified through O-B-O has grown to more than 3,300. And last fiscal year, those firms received more than \$300 million dollars in city contracts—a record amount.

Carlecia's tenure in public service began in 1999, since then she has held various positions in government and non-profit organizations with increasing responsibilities. In 2008, Carlecia was a recipient of the Frederick O'Reilly Hayes Prize, which honors aspiring and emerging leaders in NYC Government. Carlecia has a Bachelors degree from Columbia College of Chicago and a Masters degree from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service. She is also a graduate of the City of New York's Leadership Institute.

Carlecia embodies O-B-O's motto: ***Educate. Connect. Grow.***