



Robert L. Wallace

President/CEO/Founder, BITHGROUP Technologies, Inc.
CEO/Founder, BITHENERGY, Inc.
Founder, EntreTeach Learning Systems, LLC
Affiliate Professor of Business, Loyola University

Robert L. Wallace is an accomplished engineer, entrepreneur, author, business consultant and internationally-known keynote speaker. He is the founder of three companies - BITHGROUP Technologies, Inc., BITHENERGY, Inc., and EntreTeach Learning Systems, LLC.

Mr. Wallace graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Engineering, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics. He earned his Masters of Business Administration from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and was awarded a Doctorate of Humane letter from Sojourner Douglas College.

Mr. Wallace is a committed and passionate business and community leader who generously gives of his time and resources to uplift humanity. He has helped fund major humanitarian projects around the world and unselfishly serves on numerous private and civic boards. His most recent honors include:

- 2016 Small Business Associations *"District Director's Unsung Hero Award"*
- National Technical Association *"Joseph Tyler Award"*
- Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce *"Hall of Fame"*
- MBE Magazines *"MBE Who Rocks"*
- Capital Region Minority Supplier Diversity Council *"Leaders & Legends Chairman Award"*

Robert's blending of the theoretical aspects of entrepreneurial success – success profiling and success modeling – with the practical day-to-day wisdom of starting and building actual businesses, helps make him a true global, renaissance entrepreneur.



CURTIS WEBB

Strategic Marketing & Business Development
The Tyler Group

Mr. Webb specializes in helping ambitious business owners find ways to grow their business by focusing, refining, and creating a differentiating business strategy. With over 30 years of entrepreneurial experience, he has consistently delivered results for clients in the technology, retail and construction industries. Webb is regarded as one of the top creative business solution providers in the region.

Professional Profile

- Strength in strategic marketing and procurement planning for small A/E/C businesses
- Proficient in developing marketing collateral for small & mid-sized businesses
- Strong skills in strategic business planning and consulting

Education

- B.S. in Electrical Engineering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN



Alice M. Gordon Holloway

Skye Connect, Incorporated

Results Oriented and Hands On. Those characteristics are what describe, Alice M. Gordon Holloway, Executive Problem Solver, and leader of Skye Connect Incorporated. She firmly believes what gets measured gets done.

In 2013, she channeled her corporate experience into a successful enterprise where she is called upon to lead high-level initiatives, projects and issues. Her growing enterprise, Skye Connect, is a nationally certified Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and state Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, specializing in handling crisis and issue management, managing Board of Governors or Directors Retreat facilitation that is research based along with providing corporate/ business educational training and creative written content.

Alice spent 12 years working in corporate communications, community relations and Supply Chain for Southern Company, one of the largest electric utility providers in the US. She is the winner of 2004 Merit Award by the International Association of Business Communicators, listed as Top 2012 Supplier Diversity Ambassador nationally by MBN USA Magazine, and featured in both Savoy Magazine and MBE Magazine with a spotlight on Supplier Diversity, and Diversity Careers Magazine along with Newsweek Magazine.

She currently writes nationally on diversity issues for Diversity Professional Magazine.

Alice has a Master in Business Administration Degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Management and Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from the University of South Alabama.



Joe Duncan

Attorney-at-Law
Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart, LLP

Joe Duncan stands at the ready for his clients. With a quiet confidence and fiercely competitive spirit, he is always prepared to strategically and efficiently defend his clients. Joe believes firmly in putting clients first and never losing sight of the big picture. As a result, his clients have come to trust on him to be skilled, resourceful, dependable and fearless.

Since joining the firm in 2003, Joe has built a practice that consists of the defense of claims relating to personal injury, product liability, contractual disputes and insurance defense at both the trial and appellate levels. He works for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to contractors and startup businesses.

Joe successfully argued before the Alabama Supreme Court to have the statute of limitations for wanton personal injury claims reduced from six years to two years. He also proposed the "accepted-work doctrine" to the Alabama Supreme Court to limit road builder liability. The Court applied the doctrine reversing a \$7.5 million verdict in favor of plaintiffs and rendered the judgment in favor of the defendant.

When he's not working, Joe finds time to coach baseball and involve himself in charity work. He also runs half marathons, travels and plays Santa Claus at Christmas. He is married to Ellen, and they have two children, Porter and Sophie.

Joe earned his BS from Auburn University and his JD from The University of Alabama School of Law.



Yvette Rice

LLVE, LLC

Passionate about adding value to others, Dr. Yvette Rice has used her training expertise and inspirational speaking abilities to help people in recognizing their true abilities and potential. Rice is the owner and President of LLVE, LLC (Learning to Live in Victory and Excellence), a Professional and Leadership Development Training Company, as well as, Professional Coaching provider located in Decatur, Alabama. Serving as a leader in the corporate marketplace in addition to non-profit professional settings, Rice has over thirty (30) years combined experience in the workplace as an Engineer, Project Leader and Manager for various government agencies and contractor. Rice has also served as an Instructor, Facilitator, and Inspirational Speaker related to Leadership and Professional Development, and Personal Growth. During this 30 year span, Rice has served as an Instructor, Facilitator, and Inspirational Speaker related to Leadership, Professional Development, and Personal Growth for more than fifty (50) nonprofit organizations. Rice has trained both nationally and internationally for the United States Army Corp of Engineers.



Jerry Ellison

Alabama Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Jerry Ellison retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in April 2004 after twenty-two years of active duty with the Alabama Army National Guard and was awarded the Legion of Merit upon retirement. After his military retirement, he worked for M.T.C.I, a government contractor. There he served as a business developer and later regional vice president while acquiring a number of skill sets relative to business development and contract management in the U.S. Government contracting arena. He secured over \$16M in federal government contracts while with M.T.C.I.

Jerry started his own consulting business in 2008 assisting small businesses pursuing government contracting and teaching workshops and seminars in like topics. In the fall of 2012, Jerry was selected to serve as the statewide Program Manager for the Alabama Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) program, a federally and state funded program that provides a variety of assistance to Alabama businesses pursuing federal, state, and local contracts. Jerry holds a Master's Degree in Teaching from Troy University/Montgomery and is a Certified Veterans Administration Verification Counselor. Jerry resides in Shelby County with his wife, Janet of thirty-eight years. They have three grown children and six grandchildren.



Adrianna Clark

SE Region Director

U.S.DOT Office of Small Business Southeast Region Field Office

Adrianna Clark is the Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Small Business Southeast Region Field Office covering AL, FL, MS, Puerto Rico and the U.S.V.I. and is tasked with administering programs providing managerial and technical supportive services to DOT small business customers including DBEs, WOSB, SDBs, HubZone, SDVOSB and VOSBs in order to enhance their ability to perform on transportation projects.

For the past 15 years, she has made a career in strengthening and helping small and minority entrepreneurs start, grow and succeed in business. She is well-versed in public-sector regulatory requirements applicable to programs (federal, state, local) and designations of special groups (small and disadvantaged), and uses this knowledge to advance others.

She regularly present and facilitate notable workshops, trainings and development forums. Ms. Clark received a Master of Business Administration degree in International Business from the Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University and is currently a doctoral candidate with a concentration in Organizational Leadership at Nova University.