

# Torey L. Alston Joining the Florida Department of Transportation as new Chief of Staff.



Torey brings a wealth of experience to the agency having served in management positions in county, city, and state government.

Torey's initial start in state government occurred as an intern in the communications office for former Governor Jeb Bush, and he was selected for the Class III of the Gubernatorial Fellows Program where he worked at the Department of Management Services.

His leadership and solid public service will be invaluable as we work to provide transportation solutions that strengthen safety and improve congestion for everyone traveling on our roadways.

Prior to joining the Department, Torey was the Inaugural Economic Equity & Diversity Compliance Officer for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the nation's fourth-largest school district. In that position, Torey oversaw the Office of Economic

Opportunity which included the roles of promoting the economic growth of small, micro, veteran and M/WBE firms through certification, community outreach/business development, compliance monitoring and contractor prequalification for prime construction and professional services firms.

He has held various roles in state government, including serving as the Executive Director of both the Office of Supplier Diversity and Office of Efficient Government, both initially housed at the Department of Management Services. As executive director, Torey managed the State of Florida's supplier diversity program and advocated usage of women, minority, and service-disabled veteran businesses. While leading the office, Torey decreased certification process times from 43 days to less than 15 days; added service-disabled veteran business enterprises to the program through legislative action; and under Torey's leadership, the state spent \$3.23 billion and \$2.93 billion with minority, women, and veteran firms.

Additionally, as head of the State of Florida Office of Efficient Government, Torey reviewed, evaluated and issued advisory reports on outsourced business cases; investigated and recommended innovative ideas increasing efficiency and discovered more than \$30 million in savings and cost avoidances to the state; and provided policy, budget and technical support to the Executive Office of the Governor, Council on Efficient Government Members, state agencies, and procurement officials.

Torey also served as Equal Opportunity Director/ADA Coordinator in the City of Gainesville, one of six charter officers responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of city government.

Under Torey's leadership, the city automated diversity training for all employees and created its first ADA Self-Evaluation since the 1990s.

Torey previously served as Chief of Staff to former Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief and Broward County Commissioner Albert Jones. Torey holds credentials including Florida Certified Contract Negotiator, Certified Affirmative Action Professional, Certified Compliance Administrator, and Certified ADA Coordinator.

Torey holds both a Bachelors and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. Torey was previously appointed by former Governor Charlie Crist to serve on the Florida A&M University Board of Trustees and reappointed by Governor Rick Scott. Torey is also involved in several civic and professional organizations including the American Contract Compliance Association, National Institute of Government Purchasing, Institute for Supply Management, Life Member & Southern Province Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and Life Member of the NAACP.

Torey is married to his college sweetheart Candice and is the proud father of Elliott Elizabeth and Torey Louis.