

Vivian Walters, Jr



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Vivian Walters, Jr. serves as a Section Chief, for Small Business Development, a Division of Internal Services Department, Miami-Dade County. He is responsible for coordinating and supervising the efforts of a team of professionals, with the assigned responsibilities of providing management and technical assistance to the more the 1500 firms certified in one or more of the County's four small business programs. Additionally, all outreach activities, including the collaboration with various organizations, municipalities, and industry experts in an effort to attract and predetermine businesses' eligibility for certification in these respective programs; as well as, the coordination of training and education of these firms, ensuring their retention and growth, once certified, are also part of his portfolio of responsibilities.

An employee of Miami-Dade County since September of 2003, after more than fifteen years in the private sector, Mr. Walters has successfully matriculated through a number of roles and responsibilities during this fourteen-year period, all contributing to the economic growth and development of small businesses in Miami-Dade County.

His greatest joy is being a catalyst in the growth and success of small businesses. He truly believes: "The best way to find oneself is lose oneself in the service of others" –Mahatma Gandhi.