

“Founders Award”

Joseph D. Hill, Jr.



Joseph D. Hill is President, Daniel Development Group (DDG) West Palm Beach, Florida. DDG is a business advisory firm specializing in the development of small and medium size businesses. DDG, founded in 2009, is a Florida Corporation.

Prior to creating DDG, Hill was the global strategic sourcing executive for Bank of America, responsible for the Bank’s supply chain initiatives and activities, including supplier development and revenue generation. In a career at Bank of America that spanned 23 years, prior to his retirement in 2009, Hill held several senior management roles in the Business Marketing Division, and the company’s Change Management Division dedicated to quality and productivity improvements in the commercial client segment. He served as Bank of America’s Commercial Banking executive and Small Business executive both in Florida.

He received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri and participated in the Executive MBA program at Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a certified Six Sigma green belt and Lean Leader.

Hill also has been affiliated with the following organizations: Key Executive Council of Florida A&M University; Florida Council on Economic Education; Boards of Directors: National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC); Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC); Minority Supplier Development Council - United Kingdom; Enterprise Florida (MSDUK); Palm Beach County Tourism Development; Palm Beach County Council of the Arts and Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Joseph Middlebrooks

Joseph Middlebrooks has dedicated his entire life to improving the quality of life within our communities across the United States. He is the first African American registered Architect in Florida. Mr. Middlebrooks holds a Master of Architecture, Yale University, 1969; Master of City Planning, Yale University, 1970 and a Bachelor of Architecture, Howard University, 1969. He recently retired as a Professor of Architecture & Planning, University of Miami (1970-2011).

He is the owner of Joseph Middlebrooks & Associates (JMA) which offers full architectural services to include complete design and construction documents, construction supervision, and specific project consultation. JMA has the capability to do work in any State pursuant to individual local requirements under the procedures established in conjunction with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. His professional experience has included planning and architectural services for various medical, aviation, parks and recreational, community public use facilities; city halls, police stations, university buildings, etc. In addition to the above, planning services have included the development of comprehensive plans and large area plans for the cities of Riviera Beach, Hallandale, Dania and others.

A few of his academic and professional honors: Dade County Beacon Council, Selected for Membership in the Network 100; Miami-Dade County MDCC Business of the Year; The Miami Herald Pacesetters Award; a commendation plaque from the city of Opa-Locka for outstanding design of a state-owned multi-service center located in that city; a commendation plaque from the Opa-Locka Community Development Corporation for restoration of the Opa-Locka Historic Train Station and 2nd place design competition award for the Florida Memorial College theater.

Mr. Middlebrooks has served in several volunteer capacities: as a State Commissioner by the governor the Florida Privatization Corrections Commission; member, Magnet Academy for Engineering, Commercial Arts and Architecture, Miami, FL; Miami-Dade County Arts in Public Places Committee; Miami-Dade County’s Biscayne Bay Management Committee; Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Committee; Coral Gables Recreation Committee; Urban Review Board, City of Miami and other University of Miami professional committees.

He is an entrepreneur but philanthropist who donates to charities especially those relating to the education of our youth.

