

## Jerome Edmondson Bio

Jerome Edmondson is Senior Partner and Founder of Edmondson Associates and the Entrepreneur Development Network (EDN Global). An author, entrepreneur, Veteran, corporate and small-business consultant, Edmondson is the Senior Partner of Edmondson Associates, a business consulting, entrepreneur training and development firm with offices in Michigan and Atlanta, Georgia. EDN Global and Edmondson Associates specializes in corporate supplier development, diverse supplier capacity building, business plan development, small-business and franchise development, business funding, faith-based organizational planning, and corporate inclusion training, program design and execution.

Edmondson started his own restaurant consultant company, A&W Foods named after his two son's Aaron and William. From this experience, he connected with the Denny's restaurant chain and made national headlines as the Nation's 1st Black Denny's Franchise owner. Edmondson also owns TopTel USA, a 4500 employee Customer Contact Center in the US and Mexico, which answers phones for all 52 Mexican Consulates in the US with 2015 revenues of \$25 million. In January 2018, Edmondson relaunched his Telcom company, EDN Communication as an AT&T FirstNet Consultant, Master Solution Provider and Co-Sell partner with a focus on Black Executive Public Safety and SLED lead agencies.

His desire to deploy entrepreneurs globally led to the expansion of Edmondson Associates to include the Entrepreneur Development Network (EDN Global). EDN Globally helps minority and women-owned businesses develop a capacity planning process with emphasis on developing the skills needed to create, deploy, and secure successful business growth. Edmondson was awarded 2005/2006 U.S. Dept. of Commerce Minority Entrepreneur of the Year for these efforts.

Edmondson serves his community as:

- President of the International Third World Leadership Association Foundation (ITWLAF) founded by the late Dr. Myles Munroe
- Advisory Board Member of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Agents (NOBLE)
- Member American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)
- Chairman of the historic Butler Street YMCA first Black YMCA
- Obama Administration Candidate Region IV SBA Administrator
- Technical Assistance provider for the U.S. Small Business Administration
- DeKalb County Planning and Zoning Commissioner for Super Dist. 7
- Co-Founder of Urban Hope, Community Development Corporation with the late NFL Legend Reggie White

Edmondson holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Arkansas State University and a Bachelors Degree in Business Finance from Cleary University. His greatest life accomplishments, however, are his wife of 32 years, Alena, their three children Cherita, Aaron and William, and their amazing 7 grandchildren Dasha, David, Destin, Destiny, Maddison, Marley and Will.