



Bio- DR. GERALD L. GORDON

Virginia Business Magazine named **Dr. Gerald L. Gordon** as its “2010 Business Person of the Year.” In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the magazine named him one of the 50 Most Influential Virginians.

Dr. Gordon is the President and CEO of the Economic Development Authority in Fairfax County, Virginia, one of the largest office markets in the nation. He has been with the FCEDA since late 1983, during which time office space in the county grew from 32 million square feet to more than 117 million, and jobs in the county grew from 243,000 to about 600,000. As a result, the real estate tax rate has decreased from \$1.47 to \$1.09.

Dr. Gordon has also worked for Arlington County, Virginia, and the United States Department of Labor. In 2005, the FCEDA was named by *Site Selection Magazine* as one of the Top Ten Economic Development organizations in North America. In 2007, *Time* magazine called Fairfax County “one of the great economic success stories of our time.” In 2011, the *Washington Post* said that “Fairfax County remains the economic wunderkind of Virginia and in many ways of the Washington area.”

Dr. Gordon has taught at Catholic University, the University of Maryland, George Mason University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. He has consulted with city and state governments throughout the United States and around the world, as well as the governments of Poland, the island of Vieques, and Micronesia. He has also served as a consultant to various government agencies, the United States Navy, businesses, non-profit organizations, associations, colleges and universities, and the United Nations.

Dr. Gordon holds a Bachelor’s Degree from The Citadel, a Master’s Degree from George Washington University, and a Doctorate in International Economics from the Catholic University of America. He is the author of 12 books on strategic planning and economic development. His most recent books include *The Formula for Economic Growth on Main Street America* (CRC Press, 2009), *Reinventing Local and Regional Economies* (CRC Press, 2011), *The Economic Viability of Micropolitan America* (CRC Press, 2013), and *The Economic Survival of America’s Isolated Small Towns* (CRC Press, 2015).

Dr. Gordon is the 2003 recipient of the prestigious Israel Freedom Award of the Israel Bonds organization. In 2006, Dr. Gordon became the first American to address the All-Parliamentary Exports Group in the British House of Commons. In 2007, Dr. Gordon was accepted for inclusion on the roster of Fulbright Senior Scholars. In 2007, Dr. Gordon was named a Fellow of the International Economic Development Council. In 2010, he received the James Rees Award from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; and, in 2011, Leadership Fairfax honored him with the Northern Virginia Regional Leadership Award. In 2012, Dr. Gordon was named the

Trendlines Trendsetter of the Year for the Washington, DC metropolitan area. In 2015, he was honored by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) with the Jeffrey A. Finkle Lifetime Achievement Award.