

## **BIOGRAPHY – AUSTIN E. THOMPSON, JR., MBA, MPM**

Austin E. Thompson, Jr. is the founder and owner of Thompson Management Consulting, LLC, for which he serves as a Management Consultant currently working with small business owners and entrepreneurs on various business strategy, planning, and development initiatives. Annually, Austin plans, organizes, and executes an Entrepreneurship and Small Business Summit in celebration of National Small Business Week, attended by hundreds of small business owners. Austin is originally from the Republic of Guyana, South America, and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Business and Project Management in the College of Adult and Professional Programs at Shorter University in Atlanta, GA. His published book, *A BRAND New You, Taking Ownership of Your Personal BRAND* is the basis for many of the personal development workshops he facilitates. There are upcoming books currently in the pipeline.

In addition to writing, teaching, and business consulting, Austin co-hosts a monthly radio program on WATB 1420AM, for which he created the Entrepreneurship and Business Empowerment Hour on the Carib and Company Show. On the program, Austin invites business owners into the studio for personal interviews and a discussion about their businesses. He publishes the monthly Empowered Business Newsletter for Thompson Management Consulting, LLC, which features articles written by Austin, and those contributed by consultants and entrepreneurs for the small business community. His company is a member of the award winning Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Austin is no stranger to keynote speaking, workshop facilitation, serving on various business panels, youth mentoring, moderating town hall sessions, fundraising for political candidates, and managing political campaigns. He is currently on the Advisory Board of Discovery High School Entrepreneurship and S.T.E.M Academies, and serves as Chief Strategist on the Executive Board of Community Action Network Initiatives (C.A.N.I). In 2012, Austin was elected widely by constituents in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Georgia to the position of District Delegate, and in December 2014, appointed to a 4-year term by the Mayor of Lawrenceville, Georgia to serve on the Downtown Architectural Review Board, which reviews plans for economic revitalization and city planning projects for the City of Lawrenceville.

Austin is a graduate of DeVry University and Keller Graduate School of Management. He holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronics Engineering, a Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications Management, a Master of Project Management degree with honors, and a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.). He continues ongoing development in various key disciplines to strengthen his value proposition.