

## Jannet M. Walker Ford

Jannet Walker Ford is the Vice President & Director of Strategic Policy and Program Development for the North American Transportation Market for Parsons Corporation. Walker Ford is responsible for executive level client engagement and relationship management for strategic federal, state and local transportation clients and major program development initiatives. She is also responsible for leading Parson's efforts in advocating for transportation policies and programs and working with regulatory and administrative agencies and lobbyists to advance transportation.

A respected transportation industry leader and frequently sought after executive advisor, Walker Ford brings over 20 years of combined leadership, program management, management consulting and information technology experience in the private and public sectors. Walker Ford's diverse background includes aviation, rail and transit systems, tolling and road and highways and expertise in developing and implementing business, technology and financial solutions and effective strategies for organizational change, public relations, stakeholder engagement/communications and government relations and business development.

Prior to joining Parsons, Walker Ford served as CH2M's Vice President and Deputy Program Director for the Philadelphia International Airport's multi-billion dollar Capacity Enhancement Program (CEP), the largest such program in the United States of its time. Walker Ford also held executive level positions with Booz Allen Hamilton as a Principal and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as the former Deputy CEO/Deputy General Manager and as the Assistant General Manager/Vice President & Chief Information (CIO), providing leadership for some of the most forward thinking technology initiatives of that time including a \$50 million business transformation program (ERP/EAM) that upgraded business systems to a contemporary state and the design and installation of the Breeze Program, a \$200 million state-of-the-art all smartcard based regional fare collection system, which was the first in North America.

Walker Ford earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems from the University of Memphis and master's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. In addition, Walker Ford has completed significant coursework toward her doctorate in information systems at Nova Southeastern University.

Walker Ford also serves on numerous boards including as Treasurer for the Women in Transportation Seminar's (WTS) International Executive Board, Urban Affairs Coalition and the Urban League of Philadelphia. In addition to her affiliation with these organizations, Walker Ford currently serves on the Leadership APTA Selection Committee and Chairs the Commission of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) "CEO Only" Transportation Summit and COMTO's Women Who Move the Nation Selection Committee. Additionally, Walker Ford has long term memberships with APTA, WTS, COMTO, IT Senior Management Forum (ITSMF), Women in Technology (WIT) and is a former President of the WIT Foundation Board and a life time member National Black MBA Association and is a former chapter president. She is also a graduate of Eno's Transportation Center for Transit Leadership's Executive Development Program and American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Leadership APTA Program.

Walker Ford has received numerous recognitions including the National Professional Achievement Technology Award – Industry, for Women of Color's STEM Conference; named by the Technology Association of Georgia's Women in Technology as the Woman of the Year in Technology; the National Black MBA Association's Outstanding MBA of the Year and recognized by the Atlanta Business Journal as One of the 50 Most Powerful African-Americans in Business. She has also been continuously recognized as one of Atlanta's Most Influential leaders by Who's Who Publishing; honored by the Atlanta Business Journal as one of Atlanta's Most Influential African-American Women and named to the Atlanta Business League's list of "Atlanta's Top 100 Black Women of Influence."

Walker Ford is passionate about supporting organizations that mentor and empower youth and women of all ages promoting careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and transportation.