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Dr. Gwendolyn Flowers has accumulated more than 30 years of progressive experience in the field of economics in government, academia, and the private sector. In the public sector, Dr. Flowers was appointed Chief Economist for the U.S. Department of Commerce as a senior executive under the Clinton administration, served as Senior Adviser on Economic Statistics with the Congressional Budget Office, Special Adviser to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracts and Minority Enterprise Development, Program Manager and Economist supporting the Chairman of the D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and Senior Economist with the Federal Communications Commission implementing deregulation policies for the cable industry. Dr. Flowers joined the Federal Aviation Administration in 2002, as a senior member of the Strategic Planning Group. In this position she is responsible for leading major planning projects to develop the long-term strategic plans to align resources to achieve the FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation System. She has worked in the private sector as a consultant for federal contracting companies and as a Member of the Technical Staff and Team Lead with The MITRE Corporation.

Dr. Flowers obtained her first economic position as an undergraduate at Howard University during a 9-month economic internship with the U.S. Agency for International Development, where she was stationed for 4 months in Monrovia, Liberia. Afterwards, Dr. Flowers pursued a Masters of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University, and a doctoral degree in economics from Iowa State University. While at Iowa State she taught as an adjunct professor and subsequently at Drake University as assistant professor, while completing her dissertation. She joined the Howard University faculty as a lecturer in 1985, and has taught intermittently over the last 15 years in the Department Economics.

Throughout much of her career, Dr. Flowers has been an active participant in several professional economic associations, including the American Economics Association, the National Economics Association, and the North American Economics and Finance Association and presented and published numerous papers and reports at national professional meetings. In this regard, Dr. Flowers served as President and Board member of the National Economics Association, Advisory Board Member of the North American Economic and Finance Association, and speaker for NAEFO and other organizations. She is also one of the founding member and past President of the Howard University Economics Department Alumni Association.

Dr. Flowers received her undergraduate degree in Economics from Howard University in 1974; a Masters of Science degree in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University in 1980; and a Ph.D. degree in Economics from Iowa State University in 1983.

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