

## Hampton Roads Partnership Staff

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### **E. Dana Dickens, III** **President and CEO**

Appointed on January 7, 2005. Dana is responsible for implementing the policies of the Partnership's Board of Directors and the general management of the Corporation.

Dana has a distinguished background in public service in Hampton Roads having served as Vice Chairman on the Suffolk Planning Commission, and Chair of the Subcommittee on Ordinances. Later he successfully ran for Suffolk City Council and became the first ever "rookie" Councilman elected Mayor and served two terms.



### **Donna S. Morris** **Executive Vice President**

Promoted to Executive Vice President in 2006, having served as Director of Communications since the Partnership was formed in 1996. Donna is responsible for managing programs relating to transportation, regional cooperation and performance-based planning. She handles member relations for the Partnership.

Prior to the Partnership, she was Director of Alumni Relations/Assistant VP of Development for ODU and Executive VP of the ODU Alumni Association, Inc.



### **Andrew M. Sinclair** **Program Manager**

Joined the Partnership in March of 2006. Andrew's responsibilities include the Partnership's Modeling and Simulation and Government Relations efforts.

Andrew's involvement with the Partnership's M&S efforts primarily consists of encouraging the transfer of technology from predominantly military uses to commercial sector for the benefit of the entire region. Andrew supports all of the Partnership's legislative initiatives.



### **Joyce O. Thacker** **Administrative Coordinator**

With the Partnership since May 2000, she is responsible for administrative support of the staff, bookkeeping tasks and day to day management of the office.

Before joining the Partnership, Joyce was Executive Secretary to the President of Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America for 8 years, Executive Assistant to the Managing Partner of the Norfolk/Newport News office of Coopers & Lybrand for 11 years and has a total of more than 40 years of administrative experience.



### **Missy G. Schmidt** **Communication Manager**

Joined the Partnership in September 2008. Her primary responsibility is to devise and implement a comprehensive communication strategy and outreach plan to extend the impact of HRP's efforts and programs including the America's First Region regional citizenship and branding campaign. She's a marketer, social media expert, writer, editor and designer responsible for HRP's outbound communication, promotional materials, website, newsletters and more.

