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Maria is the founder and managing partner of M&A Supplier Diversity Consultants (M&A SDC). She is known as a dedicated consultant with over 20 years of experience in the public sector. She shares a broad range of knowledge and expertise to create compliant supplier diversity programs for M&A SDC clients. She also strongly advocates for the Small Minority and Woman-Owned business community.

She worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Operation Services Division, assisting the small, diverse business community with certifications, procurement-related workshops, and coaching sessions on how to sell their goods and services to the state and its agencies. In this role, she educated, trained, and certified over 1,000 small businesses and non-profits.

Maria transferred to the Executive Office of Administration & Finance, Office of Access, and Opportunity, located at the State House. In her new position, she assisted with developing and implementing policies and procedures to benefit the Commonwealth's residents and business owners.

She also owns the Refinishing Oracle in Acushnet, MA., providing expertise in restoring, renovating, refinishing, and recycling antiques, architectural elements, and all types of wood furniture.

She actively volunteers her time by providing guidance and coaching as a Certified SCORE Business Counselor with Southeastern Massachusetts's Chapter (SEMA). Maria also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce member and an Advisory Committee Member for the Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School. In addition, Maria was recently sworn in as a Commissioner for the Bristol County Commission on the Status of Women.

She relocated from Boston to Taunton in 2001. Her interests are gardening, listening to eclectic music, long-distance walking, Salsa dancing, and spending time with her family and friends. She is currently the only vegetarian in her family.

## **EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS**

**Executive Leadership Program, 2023**

**DEI Certified Trainer, 2022**

**ScrumMaster, Certified, 2017**

**MCAD, Employment Discrimination Law certificate, 2014**

**HRD, Commonwealth Management Certificate, 2012**

**HIC, Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations, 2019**

**Notary Public, 2005**

**MSCJ, Boston University, 2005**

**BCJ, UMASS, Boston, 2001**