

***DR. GERALD L. GORDON***

**Dr. Gerald L. Gordon** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Authority in Fairfax County, Virginia, one of the largest office space markets in the United States. He has been with the FCEDA since late 1983. In that time, office space in the county grew from 32 million square feet to more than 110 million square feet and jobs in the county grew from 243,000 to more than 600,000. As a result, the real estate tax rate has decreased from \$1.47 to \$1.04.

Dr. Gordon has also worked for Arlington County, Virginia and the United States Department of Labor. In his present role, Dr. Gordon was instrumental in creating the Emerging Business Forum and bringing the 1998 World Congress on Information Technology to Fairfax County. In 2005, the FCEDA was named by *Site Selection Magazine* as one of the Top Ten Economic Development organizations in North America. In 2007, *Time* magazine called Fairfax County “one of the great economic success stories of our time.”

Dr. Gordon has taught at the University of Maryland, George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Catholic University of America. He has consulted with numerous city and state governments throughout the United States and around the world, as well as the governments of the Republic of Poland, the island of Vieques in Puerto Rico, the Scottish Highlands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. He has also served as a consultant to various government agencies, the United States Navy, businesses, non-profit organizations, associations, colleges and universities, and the United Nations. He holds several positions on Boards, and serves as Chairman of several organizations.

Dr. Gordon holds a Bachelor’s Degree from The Citadel, a Master’s Degree from George Washington University, and a Doctorate in International Economics from the Catholic University of America. He is a Fulbright Senior Scholar and is the author of 10 books and numerous articles on strategic planning, economic development, leadership styles, and other management topics. CRC Press published his most recent book, “The Formula for Economic Growth on Main Street America,” in August 2009.

Dr. Gordon is the 2003 recipient of the prestigious Israel Freedom Award of the Israel Bonds organization. In 2006, Dr. Gordon became the first American to address the All-Parliamentary Exports Group in the British House of Commons. In 2007, Dr. Gordon was named a Fellow of the International Economic Development Council.