

BIO

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Ralph is the Executive Director of Community Engagement for the National Association of Minority Contractors. He is also an attorney who specializes in Government Contracts Law. He has been a lawyer since 1978 when he graduated from Harvard Law School. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Ralph was Associate Administrator for Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for 13 years, where he received a number of awards from trade associations, government, industry, Congress, and international entities. He has written numerous articles and testified any number of times in Congress on issues affecting minority contractors.

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