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MSRDC President & CEO



Michael Hester is a seasoned, visionary leader and analytical business strategist with over 25 years of experience in managing large-scale programs for nonprofits and educational institutions. In addition to having expertise in strategic change management and organizational processes, Michael Hester has additionally demonstrated expertise in connecting minority institutions of higher education and small businesses to contracting opportunities in the federal marketplace.

In the early phase of his career, Michael Hester gained invaluable experience in all facets and levels of education administration ranging from K-12, community college, four-year institution and STEM educational policy at the federal level. In addition to holding a number of administrative positions in higher education in areas such as accreditation and outcomes assessment; program evaluation; institutional research and planning, he continues to teach as an adjunct professor in nonprofit management, business administration and graduate level statistics.

Michael Hester continued his work in minority education grants and contracts administration during his tenure with NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC. While there, he managed multiple projects valued at over \$12M for the NASA Minority University Research and Education Division and supervised a 40-member team of analysts.

Immediately prior to working with the MSI STEM Research & Development Consortium, Michael Hester served as Vice President & COO and later assumed the role of President & CEO of the UNCF Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP). While there, Michael Hester managed a \$78M portfolio of federal and privately funded programs and applied his experience in education administration, business management, strategic planning and federal contracting to chart new enriching paths for minority serving institutions in Global Competitiveness and Technology Initiatives and Commercialization.

Michael Hester graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and received the Master of Public Administration degree from North Carolina Central University. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at Southeastern University, Guilford Technical Community College, and Saint Augustine's College and is currently an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Maryland, Global Campus.

