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J. Anthony Beard

Mr. Beard has over 20 years of experience in investment banking, public finance, financial advisory, treasury, and consulting services in the public and private sectors.

Jim joined the City of Atlanta in 2010 and has served as the Chief Financial Officer for the City since 2011. As Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Beard has primary responsibility for the oversight and management of the City's financial condition and advises the Mayor and the City Council on issues such as municipal finance, budgeting, treasury activities, accounting, financial policies and pension matters.

Prior to this assignment, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Management for Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management providing centralized financial and administrative support for the City's multibillion dollar water sewer system as well as leadership, coordination and oversight of the business systems used within the department to provide effective and efficient service.

Previously, Mr. Beard served as Treasurer for the Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller in Florida and was responsible for the management and oversight of a \$2 billion cash and investment portfolio, as well as, a \$1.7 billion fixed income debt portfolio which financed the majority of the County's infrastructure projects.

Prior to entering government service Mr. Beard served as a Principal, Chief Financial Officer and Investment Banker for one of the nation's largest minority-owned public finance and investment banking firms. In addition to responsibility for firm operations, Mr. Beard provided funding for numerous infrastructure projects including water and sewer systems, airports and seaports, toll roads, housing agencies, educational, sporting and recreational facilities, hospitals, and convention centers.

Mr. Beard has served as a guest columnist, public speaker, and panelist at numerous conferences and workshops, contributing new views and insights on finance related topics.

Mr. Beard's projects have taken him to places such as Qatar, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi to explore the use of private equity funds to finance infrastructure and agribusiness projects in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Beard received his Masters of Business Administration from the J. L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He attended the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, and received dual bachelor's degrees, with high honors (*magna cum laude*), in Finance and International Business from Florida International University. Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society, inducted Mr. Beard in 2006 recognizing his accomplishment in the study of business.

In addition to being the holder of multiple securities industry principal licenses, Mr. Beard is a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) and holds certifications in international and domestic bank management.

Mr. Beard is a member of the Association for Financial Professionals (AFP) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He participated in Leadership Miami and was a member of the board of directors for United Homecare Services, the oldest non-profit home care agency in Miami-Dade County, Florida.