



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION



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Howard founded Research Pros, Inc. in 1985 to provide custom research solutions to major corporations, strategy consulting firms, and private equity groups. With RP, he pioneered the use of graduate student labor combined with experienced research managers to meet the knowledge needs of demanding clients. For over 31 years, Howard has assisted more than 1,400 clients at over 400 client organizations worldwide in obtaining hard-to-get knowledge to implement plans for growth. Howard has an active client, prospect and alumni list of over 5,000 individuals. Prior to founding RP, he directed Ernst & Whinney's (now Ernst & Young) Organization Change Group and worked at Booz Allen & Hamilton as a management consultant. Howard plays an active role in Cook County and the community, serving multiple appointments aimed at improving the region, both economically and socially. Howard currently serves as Chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of Cook County (EDAC). Additionally, he is a member of the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. Howard was appointed by Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" García to serve as a member of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation, where he is the Vice Chairman of the Commission's Intellectual Capital Committee. In the commercial sector, Howard serves on the Board of Advisors to the Chicago Innovation Awards. He served for many years, until March 2013, as Vice President of The Southeast Chicago Commission (SECC), and was, for 11 years, the founding Chairman of the TIF Advisory Council for the main business district in the 4th Ward (Hyde Park) of the City of Chicago. In December 2012, Howard received the Don Michael Randel Community Service Award from the University of Chicago and the SECC for his decade long efforts to develop the Hyde Park business district on 53rd Street. Howard received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Drew University. He earned both his Master of Arts in Psychology and a Ph.D. in Social and Organizational Psychology at the University of Chicago. He is a member of the American Psychological Association.