



André Thornton Jr.

Vice President, Corporate Services

André Thornton Jr., is Vice President of Corporate Services. In this role, Thornton oversees branded merchandise fulfillment, as well as the Information Technology & Marketing departments. Previously, Thornton was Vice President of Business Development and Supplier Diversity for ASW Global.



Thornton's prior experience includes a career in healthcare as the Director of Managed Care and Marketing for Lawndale Christian Health Center, a multi-site Federally Qualified Health Center. In that position, he oversaw a budget of \$6 million and led the strategic implementation and execution of the managed care and marketing departments. Before entering the healthcare industry, Thornton was the Community Relations Manager for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers where he assisted in developing the department and successfully rebuilt the image of the organization within the community.

Thornton graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology in 1996, and also received a Master of Public Health degree in 2002 from the University of Illinois-Chicago. In 2008, he received a Master of Business Administration with honors from the Keller School of Management. In 2009, Thornton attended the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College Executive Education Series: "Growing the Minority Business to Scale" and he authored an article entitled, "A Brief Glimpse into Tuck Executive Education: Growing the Minority Business to Scale", which was published in the Tuck African Ancestry Business Association newsletter.

His dedication to the community and his profession includes serving on several organizational boards. Currently, he serves on the boards of the County of Summit ADM and First Glance. He is on the Alumni Board of Trustees for the Greater Akron Musical Association (Akron Symphony) and First Glance. In addition, he is a graduate of the Leadership Akron's Class of 31.

Thornton's other affiliations have included serving on the membership committee for the Chicago Minority Business Development Council; participating in the planning committee for Illinois Congressman Danny Davis's Community Symposium; seeking solutions to the problem of the uninsured through his involvement with United Power for Action and Justice; and participating in the Bureau of Primary Healthcare's Midwest Re-engineering Collaborative.