



Albert K. Shen
National Deputy Director

Mr. Albert K. Shen has recently been appointed to serve as National Deputy Director of the Minority Business Development Agency, (MBDA.) In this role, Mr. Shen serves as the principal advisor to the MBDA National Director and will assist in managing the day-to-day activities of the Agency.

Prior to his appointment with MBDA, Mr. Shen was a small business owner and respected community advocate whose leadership has made a big impact on some of the Northwest's largest and most critical infrastructure and environmental clean-up projects.

In 2009, Mr. Shen received the Seattle Mayor's Small Business of the Year award and in 2011 he was awarded the International Examiner's Community Voice Outstanding Individual Award and also an Honoree for the 2011 NW Asian Weekly Asian American Pioneers in Social Entrepreneur. In 2012, he was recognized as one of the Top 100 Asian American Businesses in the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2012 U.S. Small Business Administration Region X Minority Champion of the Year Award.

Shen lends his expertise to support educational institutions, non-profit community organizations, civic committees, business organizations and political advocacy groups. In 2009, he was appointed by Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire to serve on the Seattle Community College Board of Trustees where he was the Board Chair. He previously served as a Commissioner to the Washington State Commission on Asian and Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) to advise the Governor as the Vice Chair of Economic Development for CAPAA. In 2013, he was appointed by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee to serve on the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB).

He is a continuous advocate for the minority business community on a variety of economic issues and has hosted numerous roundtables for Asian American small businesses and the Obama Administration on domestic and international business development policy matters. He is a co-founding board member of a non-profit group called the Washington State Minority Business Advisory Council (MBAC) and is now an advisory board member for MBAC. In 2010 he accompanied U.S. Congressman Jim McDermott (WA) on an international business and education trade mission to Orissa, India to open doors on higher education exchange and business development opportunities.

Mr. Shen earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and environmental science from the University of Washington.