



## Meet Rodney Jenkins

Most are familiar with the adage, “Good things come to those who wait,” and this is most certainly true for the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). After a nationwide search for more than a year, and a review of more than 480 applicants, a new member has joined the DOAS Leadership team by way of Cleveland, Ohio: Marketing and Communications Director Rodney Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins brings DOAS tremendous communications skills, organizational leadership skills and strategic marketing expertise.

Mr. Jenkins has a wealth of knowledge to offer DOAS, gained through several years in the public sector. Most recently he served as Manager of Corporate Marketing for Cleveland Public Power, one of the nation’s oldest and largest municipally owned electric utilities. He also served under Cleveland’s first female Mayor as Chief Public Affairs Officer, where he acted as the chief spokesman for the City of Cleveland. He also spent several years as Director of Communications for the Cleveland City Council. He holds both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Business Management from David N. Myers University.

Leadership and experience combined, Mr. Jenkins offers tremendous opportunity to the employees, customers and stakeholders of DOAS as the organization continues transforming into one of the best-in-class purchasing organizations in the nation. His ultimate plans are to use face-to-face communications tactics supplemented by virtual communications to improve the marketing of DOAS services across the state and communicate DOAS value resulting from transformations underway. While an unquestionably challenging job, Mr. Jenkins remains self-assured and upbeat—perhaps because of his wide-ranging experience in “starting from scratch and building a foundation for others to grow on.” Or maybe it is just that he is seeing the opportunity of it all, to create tremendous change throughout all of DOAS.