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Expanding Opportunity and Inclusion in Allegheny County

In September 2004, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato announced that the county had launched new initiatives to coordinate its faith/community-based organizations and expand opportunities for minorities to participate in government contracting. These efforts encourage economic advancement and ensure that all members of the community have an opportunity to participate in county business transactions.

The Rev. Dr. James Simms coordinated the county's faith-based and community-based initiatives. As a consultant to Allegheny County, Simms assisted faith/community-based organizations with their efforts to deliver social service programs. He identified county and other government resources to develop programs that support their efforts and served as a liaison between the Chief Executive and administrators of faith/community-based programs.

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