

BIOGRAPHY
HELEN J. DIXON

President of *Dixon & Company* since the beginning of 1995, Ms. Dixon has developed a consulting practice specializing in a broad range of services. These services include project management, public affairs, issues management, and new market development.

Prior to starting her own business in 1995, Ms. Dixon was appointed by President Clinton to serve as Regional Administrator of the United States Small Business Administration. In that position, Ms. Dixon was responsible for management of over 350 employees in the six-state midwest region. She was also responsible for oversight of all technical and training programs offered through SBA and their resource partners. She represented the Clinton administration to federal, state and local agencies, the banking community, and civic and business groups. Ms. Dixon has been given recognition by the *Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel* for her role in increasing lending to women and minority owned businesses in Wisconsin and the Midwest region.

Ms. Dixon spent nine years as an investment banker with two regional banking firms. At Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc. she served as first president of municipal and corporate finance. She also served as the firm's Director of Governmental Relations. While at Baird, Ms. Dixon received the *Milwaukee Foundation Award for Outstanding Woman in Public Policy*.

Ms. Dixon has served on the Board of Directors of numerous civic and community organizations including the Easter Seal Society, the Milwaukee Council on Alcohol and Drug abuse, the Wisconsin Citizens for the Arts, the Milwaukee County Private Industry Council and the Milwaukee Area Technical College Foundation. Ms. Dixon serves as a director of the Women's Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation. Ms. Dixon is a member of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Business School Advisory Board and a trustee of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Alumni Foundation. She also serves on the Small Business Advisory Council for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Milwaukee.

A 1973 graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Ms. Dixon resides in the City of Milwaukee.