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## Summary of QualificatioNS                                                                                                         \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Proven Executive Director of regional higher education/workforce development, main street/redevelopment and Regional non-profit organizations
* Recognized Tennessee and National Expert in Place-Based Community and Economic Development, quality and Smart Growth Programming and Policies, Land use and community design , comprehensive planning and Implementation, sustainable design and development, Strategic Infrastructure Investments
* Nationally Recognized Leader in Successful Implementation of Regional and community-based visioning, planning, Funding Initiatives
* Demonstrated Fundraiser securing $17 million in foundation and state grants, Local and State Governments, and private Contributions for new initiatives and projects Throughout Her Career Efforts
* Successful Administrator of $3.5 million Annual Community College based Federal JTPA Workforce Development grant program with Diverse Boards of Directors, 8 county Career Centers, 35 staff and various sub-contractors
* Recognized creator of successful tennessee prototype initiatives including the Cumberland Region Tomorrow Quality Growth Toolbox and GIS Greenprint for Quality Growth publications and Implementation projects, Middle Tennessee Power of Ten Regional Summits, The Tennessee Regions’ Roundtable Network, Tennessee Multimodal Transportation outreach and Messaging Project, South Central JTPA Dislocated Workforce Center, the Columbia State Marshall County and Clifton Community College Sites and Humphreys County Center for Higher Education, and the South Central Development District Local CDBG grant management Pilot Project
* proven Convener, consensus, and coalition builder Successfully Creating and Managing Networks of 350+ organizations and Partners throughout Her Career Efforts
* Respected Advisor to Tennessee State Government Departments, National Sustainable Communities Partnership Federal Agencies, National Associations, and Middle Tennessee Regional Organizations

Technical skills                                                                                                                            \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Collaborative Strategy Development
* Skilled Project Implementation
* Partnership and Coalition Creation and Management
* Networking, Relationship Management, and connector Skills
* public speaking, Communication, outreach and Engagement skills
* Convening and Events Management
* critical issues Identification and creation of proactive Project actions
* group process and technical assistance facilitation
* project development and management skills
* publications, Technical Writing, and Website development
* Grant writing and management
* Applied research and analytical skills
* public policy Development
* market research
* strategic and Community planning
* budget preparation and fiscal management
* organizational analysis and Planning
* training, education and development Programming
* Board Management

## EMPLOYMENT                                                                                                                                     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### jones-bridget consulting group – Nashville, Tennessee

#### CEO and Founding Principal – December 2015 – Present

#### As Founding Principal, Jones created her new consulting practice – jones-bridget consulting group – to provide expertise and resources to community and organizational leaders in support of their community and economic development goals and objectives. Jones currently is launching her national consulting practice specializing in collaboration strategies and skilled implementation of regional planning, place-based and rural economic and community development initiatives, strategic infrastructure investment solutions, and innovation with a full suite of community and organizational services.

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#### Cumberland Region tomorrow – Nashville, Tennessee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – JUNE 2003 – DECEMBER 2015

        As Executive Director, Jones directed the CRT’s regional growth planning non-profit organization including board management, public and community relations, fiscal and administrative operations, strategic planning, and fundraising leading to $3.5 million for CRT programming and operations. She developed and led all community visioning, planning, design and implementation programs efforts, including the award winning CRT Quality Growth Toolbox project. Jones’ success was created through her unique collaborative leadership approach that supported successful partnerships, networking, and coalition building with key constituent groups including state, regional and local government officials, business and community leaders, chambers and economic development organizations, design and engineering professionals, community development and conservation organizations, and university partners.

Hired as CRT’s second Executive Director to build consensus, fundraise for and implement CRT's 2003 Report

to the Region regional visioning project recommendations, Jones worked closely with leading business,

community, and government leaders in the Middle Tennessee region raising over $3.5 M for critical CRT

projects and services. Significant milestones accomplished under Jones' leadership tenure include:

* Created CRT’s unique collaborative leadership model and strategies leading to noteworthy coordination among rural, suburban and urban decision makers in the public and private sectors across the CRT Middle Tennessee region.
* Defined CRT's messaging for Regional Economic Development, Quality of Life, Wise Use of Fiscal and Land Resources, Strategic Infrastructure Investments and creating the region's electronic communications and outreach system.
* Created Tennessee’s first ever Quality Growth Toolbox that enables counties and cities become “implementation and investment-ready.”
* Led the region’s first GIS Greenprint process to map critical watershed and open space assets.
* Created and led seven annual POWER OF TEN Regional Summits as Middle Tennessee's signature regional event.
* Organized strategic partnerships and coalitions of 250+ leaders and organizations to support CRT program efforts.
* Secured top national philanthropists including Surdna and Rockefeller Foundations to fund strategic regional and state-wide capacity building and communications projects including the Tennessee Regions' Roundtable Network.
* Created partnerships with multiple state agency partners including the Tennessee DOT to provide research and build program capacity for the first statewide Multimodal Transportation communications and funding program.
* Supported local, regional and state-wide planning efforts and networks including NashvilleNext, Nashville Area MPO regional transportation planning, Tennessee 2020 Vision for Parks, People & Landscapes, and Tennessee Farmland Legacy Partnership
* Worked with national partners including Smart Growth America, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), the National Association of Counties (NACO) as well as serving as a strategic advisor to the White House Sustainable Communities Partnership agencies including HUD, EPA and DOT.

#### Columbia State Community College -Columbia, Tennessee

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANT TO DEAN EXTENDED SERVIES - 1994 - 2003

Hired as Special Projects Coordinator, Jones directed the development of three extended campus locations and created new business and academic partnership programs to meet marked and service area needs, securing $4.5 million from foundations, local government contributions, and federal grants and loans for facility construction for Lewisburg, Clifton and Waverly Tennessee extended campuses. She conducted market research and developed integrated workforce development and higher education courses and distance learning programs as part of extended campus development efforts. Jones served as Resource Development Chair of Maury Alliance Education/Community/Business Partnership and secured $500,000+ School to Career grant funds for Maury County workforce development and education efforts. She served as a Steering Committee member of Maury Vision 2020 and led the growth planning and management team that set the stage for successful comprehensive plan development for the Maury County, Columbia and Spring Hill. She coordinated the development of the Columbia State BellSouth Customer Service School to Career Southeast Regional Pilot Project and created an integrated academic and applied workforce training program to meet industry standards. As part of doctoral internship, Jones established the Leadership Lewis Economic and Community Development Program in partnership with local community leaders. Jones managed educational program development and collaborations with K-12 and business partners for Tech-Prep and Co-Op Programs.

#### Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) – Columbia, Tennessee

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/ ADULT TRAINING COORDINATOR - 1986 - 1994

As JTPA Interim Executive and Assistant Director, Jones directed federal workforce development grant program in community college setting with $3.5 million annual budget and 35 staff in 8 county offices. During her tenure, Jones obtained and managed a $500,000 Tennessee Department of Labor grant to create Tennessee’s first Dislocated Workforce Career Center integrating JTPA, Employment Security and Adult Education services. As Interim Director, she managed regional private sector and local elected officials boards of directors, led program and organizational strategic planning, managed budgeting, grants management, auditing and program evaluation in accordance with federal and state guidelines. She served on Tennessee Department of Labor JTPA Executive Directors Council and Families First Advisory Board for the Tennessee Department of Human Services As Adult Training Coordinator Jones directed procurement and contracting within federal and state requirements for $1 million annual adult programming budget, coordinated needs assessments for, developed and managed adult training programs as part of annual JTPA program portfolio.

#### Columbia Main Street Corporation – Columbia, Tennessee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -1985- 1986

As Columbia Main Street Executive Director, Jones directed the Columbia Main Street downtown redevelopment program including board management, property owner and community relations, fundraising, fiscal and administrative operations, and program and board strategic planning. Jones worked with board members and Columbia government leaders to support community streetscape design and implementation programs, façade and building improvements through coalition building and collaboration with key constituents including county and city government leaders, downtown business owners, chamber and historic preservation organizations, design and historic preservation leaders, and community and citizen leaders.

#### south Central Tennessee Development District – Columbia, Tennessee

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR – 1983 - 1985

As Community Development Coordinator, Jones worked closely with local elected officials in the SCTDD region to identify and address community and economic development needs. Jones provided technical and project management assistance to member local governments and organized project plans and actions, coordinated the development, writing, and management of $8+ million Community Development Block (CDBG) Grants applications, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Recreation Grants, and other grant funded projects. She developed and piloted Tennessee’s first local grants management services in conjunction with TECD. In her regional research role, she coordinated the THDA regional housing research program, managed the Regional Data Center, coordinated review for A-95 project clearinghouse for the Tennessee State Planning Office and assisted in field work for regional historic preservation nominations and projects.

Education/Training/Certifications                                                                                            \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

University of Louisville - 1993-2000

Doctoral Degree – Higher Education – Human Resource Development and Leadership

Vanderbilt University – 1987 – 1989

Masters Degree - Education - Human Resource Development

University of memphis – 1978 - 1982

Bachelors Degree - Business Administration – Marketing/ Transportation/Logistics

North Carolina State University – 1996

Facilitator – ACCLAIM Institute for Community Based programming

University of Georgia – 1996

Graduate - “Your Town” Community Visioning, Planning and Design Institute

Lincoln Institute for land Policy - 2008

Visiting lecturer - Clinics for Regional collaboration

Alliance for Regional Stewardship – 2004

Facilitator - Regional collaboration Institute

## Appointments/Awards/Publications                                                                                              \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Smart Growth America - 2008 – Present

Board MEMBER - SOUTHEAST REGION REPRESENTATIVE

Natchez Trace Parkway Association – 2008 – Present

Board Member

Lincoln Institute for Land Policy – 2006 - 2011

Co-Author and Facilitator– Clinics for Regional Collaboration –Middle Tennessee and Manitoba Canada

Southern Growth Policy Board – 2005

Tennessee Delegate – International business Council

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation – Governors Award for Environmental Stewardship – 2013

CRT Quality Growth Toolbox Project

Tennessee Higher Education Commission – William McCulley Award for Excellence in Research

Dissertation Research – ***The Role of Tennessee Community Colleges in Economic Development***

Inaugural Research Award Winner - Winter 2001

Author – Current Issues in Tennessee Higher Education and Public Policy- Spring 2002

Tennessee Regions’ Roundtable Network – Fall 2013

Co-Author – National Association of Development Organizations – ***Navigating our Future - Best Practices Case Studies***

Cumberland Region Tomorrow – Fall 2003 – Winter 2006 – Spring 2010

Co-Author – **CRT Report to the Region – Quality Growth Toolbox – GIS Greenprint Tools for Quality Growth**

University of Louisville – Spring 2000

Author – Published Dissertation Entitle **“The Role of Tennessee Community Colleges in Workforce Development”**