



BRENDA G. HATFIELD, PH.D.
Chief Administrative Officer

Dr. Brenda G. Hatfield was appointed CAO by Mayor C. Ray Nagin in 2005. She manages all charter departments and the city budget as well as the Office of Emergency Preparedness, Information Technology, capital projects, hospitalization and a variety of programs and services within city government. Hatfield previously served the administration as Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

Prior to joining the city, Dr. Hatfield served as Director of Governmental Affairs and Local programming for Cox Communications, where she managed the award-winning Cox 10 productions and programming department. For more than 18 years, she worked in the New Orleans Public School System as Director of Instructional Media, Technology and Communications. She also held management positions in the public library systems of New Orleans and Hamilton, Canada. She began her career as a Spanish teacher in New Orleans and Washington, D.C.

Throughout her career, Dr. Hatfield has been recognized for academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Among her honors and recognition are the ***Outstanding Alumna Award*** from University of New Orleans' College of Education and Human Development; ***Role Model Award*** from the Young Leadership Council; ***Torchbearers Award for Women in Corporate Business*** from the New Orleans Coalition for 100 Black Women; ***Women of the Year*** from City Business; ***African American Success Story*** from New Orleans Publishing Group; ***YWCA Role Model Award***; Gambit Magazine's ***Women with Nerve***; ***Kids First Award*** from the New Orleans Council for Young Children; ***New Orleans Educational Administrator of the Year***; and Southern Woman Magazine's ***Women of Influence Spirit Award***.

Hatfield holds a Ph.D. in Education from LSU, a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Toronto and a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Social Studies Education from the University of New Orleans. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Politics at Loyola University. Additionally, she has studied at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Howard University, Xavier University and University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Hatfield is married to Charles Hatfield, Jr. and is the mother of Eric and Richard Hatfield.