



Gene Hale

President & CEO

G&C Equipment Corporation

Gene Hale is the CEO of G&C Equipment Corporation one of the nation's largest Black owned businesses. The company is engaged in the sale and lease of construction equipment, material, and supplies. Mr. Hale is also a service disabled veteran.

Gene was recently appointed by President Obama to the President's Export Council. He was also appointed by President George W. Bush President's Board of Advisors on Historical Black Colleges. Governor Gray Davis appointed Gene to the California infrastructure committee for the 21st century and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed him to the California Small Business Commission.

More recently, Governor Brown appointed Gene to the Governors International Trade and Investment Advisory Board, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently appointed Gene to serve as the president of the Mayors Export Council, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas appointed Mr. Hale to the Los Angeles County Small Business Commission. Mr. Hale serves on many boards including the Southern California Leadership Council. Currently, Mr. Hale is the Chairman of The Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of Gardena Police Foundation.

Gene has served as chairman of the following associations: CALTRANS Small Business Advisory Board, the Black Business Association of Los Angeles, the Federation of Minority Business Associations of Los Angeles (which consists of the Asian Business Association, Black Business Association of Los Angeles, Latin Business Association, and the United Indian Association), the Congressional Task Force on Small Business Development, the Century Freeway Employment Advisory Committee. He served as Co-Chairman of the California Department of Corrections Advisory Board as well.

Encouraging strong community involvement has been one of Gene's principal objectives. He has promoted these values by providing equipment and financial support to churches, charities, schools, and local business organizations.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Gene earned his Business Administration degree from California State University-Dominguez Hills in Los Angeles majoring in Business and Finance.

Although a highly visible and public profile keeps him high on the list of leaders, Gene's commitment to assist in the success of small businesses is his main goal. Through his extensive career of service and leadership in all areas of business, Gene Hale has made contributions that have rewarded hundreds of people in his continued advocacy for entrepreneurship and business development.