

Derryl Benton

HMSHost Executive Vice President of Business Development



Derryl Benton is Executive Vice President of Business Development at HMSHost, a global restaurateur and leader in delivering innovative dining solutions in travel venues. HMSHost operates locations all over North America, and is part of [Autogrill Group](#), the world's leading provider of food & beverage services for people on the move. Derryl is responsible for overseeing the winning and extending of industry contracts.

Derryl joined HMSHost in 2014. Before HMSHost, Derryl was Senior Vice President of Business Development at Hudson Group, where he was responsible for identifying and developing new business opportunities in North America, and working with the company's Government Affairs department in maintaining relationships with the nation's city mayors, city councils, and other public officials.

Prior to Hudson, Derryl was Director of Concessions/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, where he oversaw the operations of a \$500 million concessions program which included rental cars, food & beverage, news, and specialty retail. In this role he also administered the authority's small business procurement policies. Before becoming Director of Concessions, he was Director of Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Programs for the Authority, during which he received the FAA's DBE Liaison Officer Certification.

He has been a member of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) since 1994 and in 2021 he received the AMAC Hall of Fame Award for demonstrating sustainable and profound contributions to the aviation industry and exhibiting a positive impact on diversity inclusion within the industry. Derryl is also active in Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA), American Association of Airport Executives, and is one of the founding members of the Airport Restaurant & Retail Association. He served as a Vice Chair of the ACI-NA World Business Associate Board. Derryl received his education in Business Administration from Lake-Sumter State College and the University of Central Florida. He resides with his wife Jackie in Maryland, and are the parents of three grown children.