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**Lowndes County Board/Agency Appointee Information Sheet - Submission #145**

**Date Submitted:** 9/19/2023

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**Board/Agency Applying For:**

Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority

**Last Name**

Crawford

**First Name**

John

**Street Address**

**City/State/Zip**

Valdosta, GA

**Phone Number**

**Email Address**

**Occupation**

Lobbyist

**Professional Experience**

From May, 2008 until August of 2022 I served as Vice President for University Advancement at Valdosta State University & CEO of the VSU Foundation, Inc. In September of 2022 I became principal of Coleman Talley Strategies LLC, the government affairs division of Coleman Talley LLP. Prior to coming to Valdosta I served as Associate VP for Institutional Advancement at the University of West Alabama and as Special Assistant to the President & Legislative Liaison at the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

**Knowledge & Skills**

I have extensive knowledge of the public policy process as well as the interworkings of local, state, and federal government operations. I am an accomplished fundraiser and for 15 years managed a public university foundation with assets in excess of \$80M and an annual operating budget in excess of \$2M. I have completed Development Authority training at the University of Georgia's Carl Vincent Institute.

What knowledge or skills do you possess that would contribute to the Board/Agency to which you are requesting to be appointed?

**Please list the Board/Agency that you have been or are currently a member of:**

I am currently a member of the Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority and I am seeking re-appointment when my term expires on 12/31/2023.