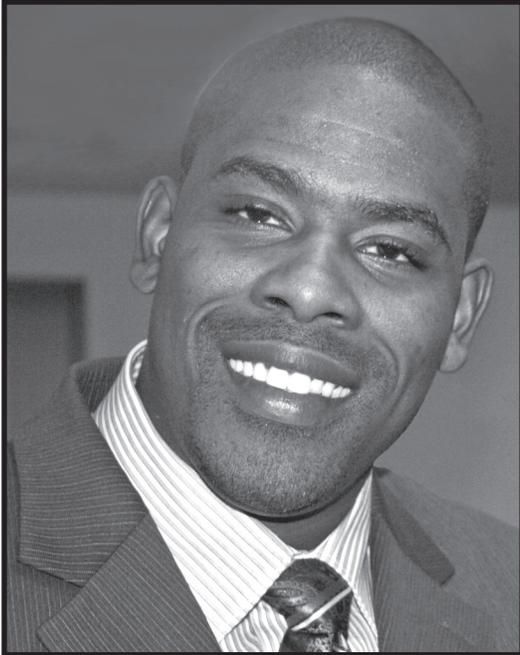


## Economic Opportunity Award

*Award criteria: The recipient in this category may be an organization or individual who seeks to improve the quality of life for citizens in economically challenged areas through economic incentive programs. The recipient has demonstrated accomplishments in one or more of the following areas: workforce training development programs; upgrading skills of existing workforce; infrastructure improvements; creation of community partnerships; housing assistance programs; energy efficiency programs; environmental programs; encouragement of new business startups; or ability to take advantage of state and federal aid to provide economic opportunity.*



### **Atiba Thompson**

Columbus

Atiba Thompson, president of Omniscient Real Estate Finance Corp. and Ubiquitous Financial, is a very giving and extremely gifted business professional. He is focused in his pursuit to assist his clients in obtaining mortgage loans that best fit their needs.

Dedicated to his community, Thompson knows firsthand the struggles and financial hardships of African American men.

Thompson believes in educating his clients by providing them with information to ensure they become successful and effective homeowners.

As a mortgage lender, he has paved an innovative path, according to his nominator. Thompson holds free workshops, educating and helping people become successful home owners. He also hosted an Internet radio show called "Financially Fit for Life" on TalkTainmentRadio.com and is now preparing a television show. The mission of the radio show was to help individuals avoid financial hardships. Thompson aimed to educate his listeners about various financial solutions.

He is dedicated to helping people live their dreams, according to his nominator.