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FINIS SOLOMON COOK grew up in Indianapolis, IN. After graduating valedictorian from high school, he attended **Purdue University** where he received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a specialty in heat transfer and thermodynamics.

Professional Career

In addition to his volunteer/community career, Mr. Cook worked in the IT industry in many roles (IT architect, sales, consultant, instructor) for 38 years, with many industry/professional honors and accolades. He has expertise in cloud, automation, middleware, security & compliance, service management, business reengineering and architecture.

Community: Personal/Professional Coaching & Youth Development

His youth development efforts began shortly after high school, when he provided volunteer counseling to teens on education, goal setting, and peer pressure issues. Since then, he has been instrumental in the development and administration of four separate youth programs and provided services and seminars/workshops to many others.

He provides entrepreneurship and non-profit organization strategic planning workshops as a community service practice through community organizations. Today, he provides wealth empowerment webinars to the community at large to improve financial outcomes for individuals and households.

In 1995, he established **The AMFEY Project** as the community service practice through which he is channeling his youth development efforts. To date, the AMFEY Project has assisted numerous youth programs/ministries to provide high quality, effective youth development services and continues those efforts regionally today.

He has held many community leadership positions, among others:

- YMCA Board of Management, North YMCA, Omaha, NE 1988-1990
- Metropolitan Community College, Corporate Advisory Board 1991-1992
- Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA), President, Omaha Chapter 1995-1996
- The 100 Black Men of America, Founding Member, Omaha Chapter 1996-1998
- University of Nebraska Corporate Advisory Board, 1997 1998
- University of Nebraska at Omaha, Guest Lecturer 1996-1998
- Industry Advisory Council, Virginia State University, 2019 2025
- Mega Mentors, President, 2023-2025

He now lives in Richmond, VA and delivers professional and community services online and in-person nationally.