

**Enrique A. Tessada**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Tessada & Associates, Inc.**



Enrique A. Tessada founded Tessada & Associates, Inc. (TESSADA) in 1993 with 500 dollars and a used Compaq computer. Under his leadership, TESSADA has become an infrastructure support solutions company with over 650 employees and FY05 revenues in excess of \$70 million. *Hispanic Business Magazine* named Mr. Tessada their 2006 *Entrepreneur of the Year*. He was also selected as a 06 *Executive of the Year* finalist at the *Greater Washington Government Contractor* awards gala. In 2003, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declared him *Small Business Person of the Year* for the Washington metropolitan area.

TESSADA continues to receive industry recognition for providing outstanding infrastructure support services at 23 offices, located in 17 states. In 2005 TESSADA was named NASA's Minority Contractor of the Year. In 2006 TESSADA was awarded *Minority Contractor of the Year* by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services. TESSADA was also recognized in 06 as a 50 Fastest Growing Company by *Washington Business Journal* and 2006 *AGGIE 100 Entrepreneur of the Year Award* by *Texas A&M University Alumni Board*. The firm offers an expansive suite of services to its government clients, including facilities management, logistics and engineering solutions, IT, multimedia services, satellite telecommunications services, program management, and contract administration.

When not overseeing daily operations at TESSADA's headquarters in Springfield, VA, or mentoring small businesses, Enrique Tessada supports activities that measurably strengthen his community. He supports graduate and undergraduate scholarships at George Mason University (GMU), which provide tuition assistance to student's attending GMU's College of Visual and Performing Arts, and serves on the Arts Board of Directors at Mason Partnership. Mr. Tessada also supports a "summer abroad study scholarship." He is a board member of the Fairfax Hispanic Youth Foundation (HYF).

Prior to forming Tessada and Associates, Mr. Tessada was executive producer for several documentaries, including "For Richer or Poorer," a film about sustainable forest management in Malaysia, which was awarded the prestigious "Telly Award" for best documentary. He also concurrently managed multi-million dollar programs for the U.S. Navy, the U. S Army and the Agency for International Development.

Mr. Tessada began his career as a U.S. Naval Officer/aviator, where he served for 20 years. As a Service Disabled Vietnam veteran, he helped formulate policies for foreign military sales for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As Operations Officer for the Military Assistance Advisory Group (Madrid, Spain) he advised the Spanish Navy on weapon system acquisitions. He was a flight instructor for the Imperial Iranian Navy in 1976-77, and served as a carrier-based aviator in the Pacific.

Mr. Tessada is a graduate of Texas A&M University, class of '66, and holds a graduate degree in international public policy from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies. He is also a graduate of the Inter-American Defense College. Born in Mexico City, Mexico in a bi-lingual, bi-cultural home, Mr. Tessada immigrated to the U.S. in 1960.