

## Stephen Hightower

2012 – 2019

MIDDLETON, OHIO

Steve Hightower founded Hightowers Petroleum Co. (HPC), a full-service, licensed motor fuel dealer, in 1984 and currently serves as CEO. Based in Franklin, Ohio, HPC provides petroleum products – gasoline, diesel, biodiesel, ethanol, lubricants, oils and greases – to a national customer base, including Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Honda/TRC, Delta Airlines, Austin Railroad, UPS, Waste Management, The State of Ohio, and many others.

In 2010, HPC reported over \$157 million in revenues, landing the company at number 25 on the Industrial Service list of *Black Enterprise* magazine's BE 100: The Nation's Largest Black Businesses. HPC was also recognized as a 2010 Regional Minority Supplier of the Year by the National Minority Supplier Development Council.



Mr. Hightower represents HPC on the National Petroleum Council and serves on the State of Ohio Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board. Mr. Hightower also serves on the board of directors of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers Association, the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy. He sits on the Wright State Universities-University College board of directors and on the Wright State University Foundation's board of trustees. He is also an executive board member for ArtsWave, a Corporate Roundtable Member for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and on the Legislative Committee for the National Association of Convenience Stores. Having been involved in the international community since 1984, Mr. Hightower sits on the Corporate Council on Africa, is an advisor to Feed the Hungry Project, and holds membership in the United National Global Compact.

Mr. Hightower has been recognized by the Dayton Business Journal as a finalist for the 2009 Executive of the Year and by Deloitte Cincinnati USA with the 2007 Rising Star award. HPC has been recognized for its excellence in energy and leadership with numerous awards and citations.