

Brief Biographical Sketch

John D. Kasarda is one of the leading researchers and commentators on urban economic development, job creation and demographics in the United States today. He is professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Dr. Kasarda has published more than 100 scholarly articles and ten books on urban development, demographics and employment issues. He is frequently quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and international media. Dr. Kasarda serves on the editorial boards of a variety of major professional journals. He has also served as a consultant on national urban policy to the Carter, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton administrations and has testified numerous times before the U.S. Congressional committees on urban and demographic issues.

Dr. Kasarda has conducted more than 300 demographic studies and enrollment projections for Chicago suburban school districts during the past 40 years. He is frequently referred to as "the Dean of School District Demographers."

Dr. Kasarda received his B.S. and M.B.A. (with Distinction) from Cornell University and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He has been the recipient of many grants and awards from such organizations as the National Science Foundation, National Academy of Sciences, the World Bank, and the United States Agency for International Development. Dr. Kasarda has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for his research in demography and urban development, and served as a Senior Fellow and Trustee of the Urban Land Institute. His book, *Aerotropolis: The Way We'll Live Next*, was highlighted in *Time* magazine as "one of the 10 ideas that will change the world." *Future Cities* magazine named Kasarda one of the Top 100 City Innovators worldwide.