



Nilantha Samarasekera (Sam), Director of Construction received a degree in Business Administration in 1983 from Cleveland State University and has over twenty-four years of experience in public housing. He joined CMHA in 1984 as a Project Analyst and has held numerous positions including Accounts Payable Supervisor, Labor Relations Compliance Technician, Assistant to the Director of Construction, and Chief of Special Modernization and Development. In 2003, he was appointed as Director of Construction and is currently responsible for supervising all activities of the Construction Department to include coordination and implementation of construction projects totaling over \$50,000,000 per year. He also represents the Agency in all construction related matters with residents, city staff, county staff and HUD staff. Other responsibilities include the supervision of the daily activities for more than 40 employees in the areas of Project Management, Contract Administration, Prepare For Occupancy, Labor Compliance, Grants Preparation/Management and Relocation.

Major accomplishments over the last five years include the redevelopment of 98 new units at Phoenix Village (formerly King Kennedy North Family Estate), 279 new units under Hope VI at Carver Park, 186 renovated units under Hope VI at Lakeview Terrace, the construction of 90 new homes at Riverside Park, and construction of more than 300 affordable homes under six HUD Up-front grant agreements in the cities of Cleveland and East Cleveland. During his tenure, CMHA also completed its first mixed housing project at Tremont Pointe and carried out several development projects utilizing low income tax credits and tax exempt bonds.

He has been named Employee of the Year in 1993, earned an Extraordinary Achievement Award in 1994, in addition to several performance awards. He received the Progressive Action Council (PAC) 1997 Award of Excellence. He is a graduate of Cleveland State University's Leadership Academy and is one of the 600 Certified Public Managers (CPM) in the state of Ohio. He is recognized as a Certified Public Housing Manager, and was awarded the "40 under 40" Distinction in 1997 from the Crain's Cleveland Business News.