
Biography of Livia Whisenhunt



Ms. Whisenhunt, President, CEO and founder of PS Energy Group, has more than 20 years of experience in purchasing and marketing fuels for transportation and production. She has been instrumental in spearheading and executing most of PS Energy's major milestones and is responsible for setting the company's strategic direction and leading its growth.

In July 1999, she served as a member of the Federal Regulatory Fairness Board (REGFAIR). This board was established by Congress and the President, under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, to represent small businesses and comment on the enforcement activities of federal regulatory agencies. She was later appointed the REGFAIR Region IV Chairperson.

In June 2005, Ms. Whisenhunt was appointed by Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the state of Georgia authority that works to improve the state's mobility, air quality and land use practices.

Under Ms. Whisenhunt's leadership, PS Energy Group, with annual revenues of \$160 million in 2005, has won the *Administrator's Award for Excellence* from the U.S. Small Business Administration for five years and in 1997 won the *Hammer Award* from Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review Board. In 2006, the company also was recognized as a *Georgia Small Business of Excellence* by the governor and as a *Supplier of the Year* by the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council.

Ms. Whisenhunt's hard work and determination have earned her tremendous respect and recognition. She has won numerous awards, including being named one of the nation's "Top 40 Under 40" by *Entrepreneur* magazine, the "Small Business Person of the Year" by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and "Southeast Wholesale Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst & Young. In addition, she was the recipient of the Entrepreneur "Blueprint Award" by Atlanta's *Women Looking Ahead* magazine and the "Innovator of the Year" Catalyst Award by *Business to Business* magazine.

Ms. Whisenhunt has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Board of Directors of Zoo Atlanta and Camp Twin Lakes, and the Board of Councilors for the Carter Center.
