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## TICO DUCKETT

Panelist: Managing Through Difficult Times

**Tico Duckett is the President of Tico Duckett Distributing, Incorporated in Lansing, Michigan. Tico Duckett Distributing was founded in 1988 and is a janitorial supply company serving municipalities, large insurance companies, a variety of manufacturers, and numerous Tiered suppliers to the automotive industry.**

**Duckett was the Senior Buyer at Wohler Corporation, a large Lansing manufacturing company. He started there in 1995 as a third shift laborer. As Senior Buyer, Duckett was involved in cost control and inventory management of a nationwide manufacturing organization. Before establishing a career in business, Duckett played professional football for the New York Giants in 1993 and the Washington Redskins in 1994.**



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## **Amy B. Edwards**

Panelist: Managing Through Difficult Times

**Edwards manages a portfolio of activities at the Pew Center on the States' project whose work is to improve service to the public by strengthening government performance. Before joining Pew, Edwards served as the senior director of leadership and performance at the Council for Excellence in Government and the communications director for Harvard's Innovations in American Government Award. Previously she worked in government relations at the Close Up Foundation and the National Head Start Association.**

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## **Rose Wilson**

Panelist: Managing Through Difficult Times



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**Chief Deputy Director**  
**Department of Man**  
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**Ms. Rose Wilson is the Chief Deputy Director for the Department of Management and Budget. Prior to her appointment to that position, she served as Director of Agency Services where she was responsible for the state's vehicle fleet as well as print, mail, logistics and surplus operations statewide. Rose holds a masters degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor's degree in History/Secondary Education from Salve Regina University. Rose has been employed with the Department of Management and Budget for 13 years. In prior DMB roles, she has had departmental responsibility for finance, human resources, organizational development and information technology services, serving as DMB's Administrative Officer from 1996 to 2005, Chief Financial Officer from 1996 to 2002 and its Chief Information Officer from 1996 to 1999. Prior to joining the state, Rose served as the Director of Corporate Operations and Executive Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer for Mercy Health Services (now Trinity Health), Farmington Hills, Michigan where she had health care and administrative responsibilities.**

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