



## Michael Mahdesian

*Chairman of the Board*  
Servicon Systems, Inc.

Michael Mahdesian served for seven years (1993-2000) as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Response. His main duties included overseeing the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and the Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI). During this period, he was integrally involved in shaping USAID's response to Haiti, Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo, Indonesia, and other crisis spots around the world. Mr. Mahdesian led the first U.S. assessment team to the Democratic Republic of Congo after the fall of Mobutu, and played a key role in helping shape the U.S. assistance program there. He participated in USAID's Bosnia Task Force as coordinator of the humanitarian and transition programs for Bosnia. In addition, Mr. Mahdesian has chaired several U.S. Interagency Task Forces on improving U.S. and International Response to Complex Humanitarian Emergencies.

Mr. Mahdesian was formerly Executive Director of the United Armenian Fund's airlift to the earthquake victims in Armenia. A native of California, he earned a Master's Degree in Urban Planning with a focus on international development from UCLA in 1983. During that time, he was involved in many community projects, and won a contract to train Vista Volunteers in community organizing throughout the western states. A longtime Democratic activist, Mr. Mahdesian moved to Washington where he served as Special Assistant to Rep. Tony Coelho and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (1983-85). Returning to California, he spent seven years running a successful business in Los Angeles, and in 1992 served as a Deputy Campaign Manager for the Clinton/Gore California campaign.

Mr. Mahdesian is currently Chairman of the Board of Servicon Systems, Inc., a business based in Los Angeles. He was appointed by former Mayor James Hahn to the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. He is on the Board of Directors of Operation USA as well as the Democracy Council, is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, and is on the Board of the Los Angeles Business Council.

Servicon Systems is a building service contractor specializing in green cleaning and other green building services. Servicon was recognized as one of the fastest growing companies by Inc. Magazine and the LA Business Journal in 2008.