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After graduation from Howard, he spent 2 years as an officer in the US Army. His work experience was mostly with the federal government – the General Services Administration, Navy Department, NASA, Department of Energy, United States Information Agency, and the State Department. He held various positions including Aerospace Engineer, Inspector, Spacelab Program Manager, and Assistant Inspector General. At NASA he was designated Manager, Spacelab-Mir Mission. In this capacity he worked with Russian and American scientists, engineers, cosmonauts and astronauts in planning the first flight of the Shuttle to Russia's Mir space station.

As Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, he was the only African-American male member of the Senior Executive Service in the Department of State. In this position he supervised an office of 54 persons, including Ambassadors and Senior Foreign Service personnel, in the conduct of inspections of all 256 of the US embassies and missions abroad. In USIA and State, he met with and briefed Ambassadors and Assistant Secretaries of State, U.S. Senators and Representatives, as well as heads of other federal agencies. His duties have taken him to Japan, Russia, Iceland, France, Haiti, Latvia, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Kenya, Slovakia, Eritrea, Namibia, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, South Africa, Denmark, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Mexico, and England.

Lowery is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated since pledging in 1984 through Mu Lambda chapter. He has held leadership positions on the chapter, regional, and national levels. A past chapter president, he is the only member to be elected four times. He served as the Interim Eastern Region Vice President from 2000 - 2001. From January 2002 through August 2004, Lowery served as the vice-president and chief operating officer of the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Foundation, Inc.