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Speaker Biographies



Moderator - Paul Walden, Chief, Property Management Division, Office of Property and Fleet Management, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Paul Walden oversees the management and policy of the second largest real property portfolio of any civilian Federal agency consisting of over 43,000 assets and an annual lease budget of \$232 M. He also served as Senior Real Property Officer for the Department from April 2017 to July 2018.

He has 29 years of Federal real estate experience covering the entire real estate lifecycle including acquisition, capital planning, portfolio management, and disposal. He previously has worked for NASA, Department of Commerce, and the General Services Administration. He earned a Master's in Real Estate from Georgia State University and a BBA in Finance from Emory University.



Donald Bice, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Donald Bice has been the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration since February 2018, and had been acting in that role since September 2017. As the career lead over administrative operations and management for USDA, Mr. Bice is known as a leader who utilizes innovative techniques to improve the policy and decision-making processes and management of the Department resulting in significant taxpayer savings and improved efficiency and effectiveness of USDA's programs.

Prior to being asked to serve in that capacity, Mr. Bice held multiple positions in USDA's Office of Budget and Program Analysis (OBPA) over 30 years. Most recently Mr. Bice was the Associate Director of OBPA and responsible for managing the development and execution of the Department's \$140 billion budget, managing the Department's regulatory and legislative reporting processes, and coordinating the Department's performance improvement activities. Mr. Bice is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the American University Washington College of Law.



Robert Haughton, Director, Management Services Division, Farm Service Agency

Robert Haughton was selected as director for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Management Services Division in November 2015. In this position, he oversees several programs: real and personal property, fleet operations, space management, mail management, commuter transit, records management, Freedom of Information, Privacy Act, printing and publishing, forms and directives. Haughton is also serving as a rotating acting director for the USDA Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area's Management Services.

From January 2013 to November 2015, Haughton served as director for the FSA Emergency Preparedness Division. In this role, he was responsible for continuity of operations, emergency management and physical and personnel security. Haughton's FSA roles include senior advisor to the administrator and management analyst in the Office of Budget and Finance. In December 2013, he was awarded a USDA Honor Award for Excellence.

Prior to his USDA tenure, Haughton served with the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring in 2008 after serving 26 years as an administrative officer, artillery officer and enlisted Marine. From August 2004 to February 2005, he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Haughton received numerous awards including three Meritorious Service Medals and three U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps commendation medals and three achievement medals. Haughton, who grew up in Northbrook, Illinois, now lives in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, with his wife and two children.

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