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## **Mr. David J. Villano**

Assistant Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Telecommunications Program (USDA)

Mr. Villano, originally from Dearborn, Michigan, was raised primarily in the Northeast. Mr. Villano began his career in 1976 with the Farmers Home Administration - the predecessor Agency to Rural Development, serving in many Field Offices throughout New York and Connecticut.

In 1984, he accepted a position with Rural Development's National Office in Washington, D.C., in the Single Family Housing Program. In 1990 he transferred to the Multi Family Housing area and was promoted in 1991 to Chief of the Rural Rental Housing Branch. Mr. Villano was again promoted in 1995 to Special Assistant to the Administrator for Regulatory and Policy Development. In 1999, Mr. Villano became the Deputy Administrator, Single Family Housing Program, responsible for administering the direct and guaranteed homeownership programs. In January 2008, Mr. Villano was named Assistant Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Telecommunications Program. In this role he manages the Telecommunications Program's loan and grant programs, with an annual budget of almost \$1 billion and a \$7 billion loan portfolio.

In 2009-2010, Mr. Villano was responsible for implementing a new broadband program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This program resulted in more than \$3.5 billion in broadband funding being made available to rural communities.