

Michael S. Black
Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior

Michael S. Black was named the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on April 26, 2010. Prior to that, he was the Regional Director for the BIA's Great Plains Regional Office in Aberdeen, South Dakota, which oversees 12 agencies that together serve 16 Federally recognized tribes in three states (Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota). Mr. Black was named to his position in July 2008 after having served since January 2004 as the Deputy Regional Director for Indian Services in the Bureau's Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Billings, Montana, during which time he also served a period of eight months as the acting Great Plains Regional Director. Mr. Black began his Federal career in 1987 with the BIA's Aberdeen Area Office (now the Great Plains Regional Office) as a General Engineer in the Branch of Facilities Management. He went on to hold regional facility and engineering management positions in the Billings Area Office (now the Rocky Mountain Regional Office) until being named the Deputy Regional Director. Mr. Black is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota.