



Matt Allen

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Matt Allen has served as the USDA OHS Director since December 2020. In this role he is responsible for leading Department-wide efforts and initiatives for USDA Radiation Safety, Emergency Programs, Personnel and Document Security, National Security programs and policies, Communications Security and Continuity Operations. He also serves as USDA's Federal Senior Intelligence Coordinator, Senior Agency Official for Classified National Security

Information, Senior Agency Official for Counterintelligence, Continuity Coordinator, and vice-chair of the National Civil Applications Committee.

Prior to this, he most recently served as the Senior Advisor to the FEMA Chief Operating Officer, providing advice and counsel to the Office of the Administrator and senior Agency leaders. Previous FEMA experience includes multiple roles in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, to include Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the CFO, Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and the Acting Budget Director. In 2018 following one of the largest disasters in U.S. history, Mr. Allen deployed to Puerto Rico for six months as the Economic Sector Director, where he led the economic response and recovery from Hurricane Maria. Mr. Allen also served in response operation leadership positions as the Chief and Deputy Chief of the FEMA National Response Coordination Center, leading the overall coordination and Federal response efforts for major incidents and emergencies to include floods, hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, and other catastrophic natural and man-made disasters.

Mr. Allen has previous experience in leadership positions in the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security, Office of Congressional Relations, Office of Presidential Advance, and began his public service career in the U.S. House of Representatives, focusing on Appropriations, including the first appropriations legislation for the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, earned a master's certificate from the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business and completed the High-Potential Leadership programs at Harvard Business School.