



Christopher A. McLean

Acting Administrator Rural Utilities Service

Christopher A. McLean is the Acting Administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS), which is part of the Rural Development agency. RUS makes low interest loans for rural electric infrastructure, including renewable energy, smart grid technology and grid modernization, telecommunications and broadband infrastructure, and water and wastewater facilities.

Since January 11, 2015, Mr. McLean has served as Assistant Administrator for RUS' Electric program, presiding over a \$48 billion loan portfolio. In recent years, the RUS annual lending budget for new electric infrastructure loans has exceeded \$5 billion.

Mr. McLean has extensive experience with RUS. From 2010-2012, he served as a senior advisor to the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). He is a former RUS Administrator and former Governor of the Rural Telephone Bank. Mr. McLean was appointed Deputy Administrator in January 1998. In 2000, he was the first person nominated and confirmed for the position of RUS Administrator.

Mr. McLean served the Acting Director of the Program Planning and Accountability Division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR) at USDA. He came to OASCR in 2013 as a civil rights fellow in the policy office.

Mr. McLean was in private practice from 2001-2010, and was the co-owner of e-Copernicus, a consulting firm that specialized in telecommunications, transportation, and technology policy. Mr. McLean is also the former Executive Director of the Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition (CERC).

Mr. McLean worked on Capitol Hill for more than 15 years. He served on Senator Jim Exon's staff and Senator Bob Kerrey's staff, who are both from Nebraska.

Mr. McLean hails from Omaha, Nebraska. He received an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University in 1985, a J.D. from Creighton University School of Law in 1982, and a degree in Business Administration from Creighton University in 1980. Chris also completed the Key Executive Leadership Program at American University in 2015.