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Since 2011, Steve H. Rickrode has served as a Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Agriculture. In his position, Mr. Rickrode is responsible for an audit portfolio including all performance audits in the mission areas of food safety, animal and plant health, marketing, stewardship, and conservation practices; Rural Development agencies, which encompass the rural business, housing, and utilities business sectors; and all audits of information technology and financial operations at the United States Department of Agriculture. Internally, Mr. Rickrode leads the Office of Audit's business operations unit that handles all practice, client, and agency relations. In addition, Mr. Rickrode is the lead executive for the Office of Audit's training program and its information technology suite.

Mr. Rickrode began his Federal career as an auditor for the General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, in Washington, DC. He has held various managerial positions within four Federal Offices of Inspectors General. Prior to joining Agriculture, he served as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit at the Federal Communications Commission, Office of Inspector General where he was responsible for all audits conducted at the Commission and its international operations. Mr. Rickrode began his career as an auditor with a Big 6 firm. His industry experiences include telecommunications, grants and contracts, information technology and security, financial attestation, real property management, and rural business and agriculture. Mr. Rickrode has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 2012.

Mr. Rickrode graduated magna cum laude from the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Accountancy. Mr. Rickrode is a Certified Public Accountant in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (inactive), a Chartered Global Management Accountant, and a Certified Information Systems Auditor. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, and the Association of Government Accountants.