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USDA Rural Development Announces Key Leadership Update

WASHINGTON, April 30, 2024 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced that Brian Wiles has been promoted to Director of Guaranteed Lending for the Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Wiles will begin in his new role on Monday, May 6, 2024.

In this role, Wiles will manage the underwriting and servicing branches in the Program Processing Division. He will also provide strategic guidance and oversight of business programs under the [OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative](#).

Wiles is bringing more than 21 years of USDA Rural Development experience to this role, which includes skills in commercial lending, community development and relationship building with lenders, partners, stakeholders and Rural Development staff.

Throughout his career, Wiles has been instrumental in making the Oklahoma State Office among the highest performing in the country, especially in guaranteed lending. Most recently he served as Oklahoma's first Deputy State Director, while also serving as Oklahoma's Native American Coordinator. Previously, he served as the state's Business and Cooperative Programs Director for 13 years. He has also served as Program Director for Single Family Housing and Community Programs.

Wiles attended Oklahoma State University and the University of Maryland. He is a U.S. Army veteran and graduated from JFK Special Warfare Center and School in North Carolina.

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