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### **Biden-Harris Administration Appoints Deidre Deculus Robert as Director of Rural Development's State Operations**

**WASHINGTON, May 15, 2024** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has appointed Deidre Deculus Robert as the new Director of Rural Development's State Operations.

On April 22, 2024, Robert began her role in leading Rural Development's State Operations Office and supporting the agency's state offices across the country.

Robert has more than two decades of legal, administrative, and executive management experience in local, state and federal governance. For the past two years, she has led Rural Development offices in Louisiana as State Director. Under her leadership, the Louisiana team focused its outreach efforts to deliver 4,462 investments in the state, totaling more than \$978 million.

A native of rural Mamou, Louisiana, Robert began her legal career as an assistant city prosecutor in the Parish Attorney's Office of the City of Baton Rouge-Parish. During her 11 years with the city-parish, she became the first African American woman to be named section chief.

Following this role, she has worked as an assistant attorney general with the Louisiana Department of Justice; general counsel of the Southern University and A&M College System; and executive counsel for the Louisiana Department of Transportation.

She lives on a ranch in Glynn, Louisiana with her husband James and their two sons.

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