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## **Obama Administration Names J. Anthony Logan to Serve as State Director for Rural Development in Ohio**

WASHINGTON, November 13, 2009– The Obama Administration today announced that J. Anthony Logan will serve as Ohio State Director for Rural Development at the USDA.

“J. Anthony Logan will be an important advocate on behalf of rural communities throughout the state and help administer the valuable programs and services provided by the USDA that can enhance their economic success,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Logan previously served as Chief Legal Counsel and Wind Policy Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources before joining the USDA as State Director of Rural Development. Before that, Logan practiced law and represented small agri-businesses in labor, environmental, and natural resource law cases. From 1987 to 1990, Logan served as Assistant Director and General Counsel in the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Rural Development administers and manages over 40 housing, business, and community infrastructure and facility programs as laid out by Congress through a network of 6,100 employees located in 500 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of over \$114 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama’s commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the USDA are working to enhance availability of broadband, promote the development of renewable energy, to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment, and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

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