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Willie C. Taylor is the Regional Director for the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Philadelphia Regional Office. He provides managerial oversight for the agency's financial resources and staff that covers thirteen states (Maine south to Virginia), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Mr. Taylor rejoined the EDA family in April 2008.

Prior to his return to EDA, Mr. Taylor was employed by the Escambia County (FL) Board of County Commissioners in 2006 as the Assistant County Administrator for Community Services and Public Services agencies. He managed an annual budget in excess of \$140 million and provided oversight for 1,100 employees covering eighteen departments, including the Public Safety, Fire Rescue, Purchasing Solid Waste Management and Community Corrections just to highlight a few.

In his first stint with EDA, Mr. Taylor served as the Economic Development Representative for Florida and South Carolina for nearly a decade. His primary role was to further economic growth through job creation, increasing applied research & technology and funding infrastructure projects that assisted with the implementation of innovative economic development concepts.

Mr. Taylor obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Florida A & M University. He also holds a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University.