

# Biography

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



**CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE**  
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Christopher Lawrence serves as Chief of Staff to the Administrator at the Western Area Power Administration, where he manages the administrative and advisory functions of the office, liaises with customers, staff and partners, and plans and executes meetings for WAPA's leadership teams, ensuring they align with strategic goals.

As a legislative liaison at WAPA's Washington Liaison Office, Lawrence provided valuable briefings and information on WAPA activities to Congressional staff and representatives. He responded promptly to Congressional inquiries and coordinated briefings with other Department of Energy offices and federal agencies. He also promoted broader understanding of WAPA's priorities and activities.

During his tenure as acting director of boards and councils in the Office of the Secretary of Energy, Lawrence served as the designated federal officer for the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, where he made actionable recommendations to the Secretary and helped set policy direction in consultation with other advisory committees within DOE.

Lawrence's experience also includes serving as a management and program analyst in the Office of Electricity, where he developed and executed a strategy to expand a comprehensive database of federal and state permits required for transmission line development. He received the Secretary of Energy Achievement Award for his work.

He also served as a regional coordinator for DOE's Emergency Support Function 12 activities for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region I. Recognized for his exceptional contributions during multiple hurricane seasons, Lawrence received certificates for outstanding service to DOE.

Lawrence holds a Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School, graduating cum laude, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with honors from Lynchburg College. His publications include the Good Neighbor Environmental Board's 14th Report, for which he was acknowledged as an energy resource specialist.