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Bill Valdez is a recognized science and technology thought leader who has successfully led science and technology programs in the Federal government and made significant contributions to the effectiveness of government programs to deliver improved mission value to American taxpayers.

Bill retired from the Federal government in 2014 and became an adjunct faculty at American University's Key Leadership Program, and began consulting with public and private sector organizations to provide strategic advice on a wide ranging set of issues, including science policy and government modernization/improvement.

Most recently, Bill was the President of the Senior Executives Association (SEA), where he focused on strengthening the Senior Executive Service (SES) through legislative and policy initiatives, building a leadership pipeline for the Executive Branch, working with a broad range of good government groups to modernize the civil service, and restoring a public service ethic to the Federal government.

Bill was a co-editor/author of the *Handbook of Federal Government Leadership and Administration: Transforming, Performing, and Innovating in a Complex World*, and was an author of the IBM Center for the Business of Government's recent report, *Preparing the Next Generation of Federal Leaders: Agency-Based Leadership Development Programs*.

His career with the Department of Energy spanned over 20 years and he held the positions of Director, DOE Office of Economic Impact; DOE's Chief Diversity Officer; Director of Business Services, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Director of Planning and Analysis, and Director for Workforce Development within DOE's Office of Science. During this time, Bill became expert in the both programmatic and policy development, along with the operational side of the house including HR, procurement and IT.

From 2005-2014 Bill was the Co-Chair of the Science of Science Policy Interagency Working Group. This IWG sparked a government-wide effort to understand the impact of Federal government S&T programs and to develop tools, data and analytical techniques that are in common use at Federal science agencies today. Agencies are also using those tools and data to provide Congress with better budget proposal analyses and to inform taxpayers about the important benefits S&T programs bring to our Nation.

In addition, Bill was a senior advisor at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the 1990s. Bill was awarded the Presidential Rank Award (meritorious) in 2007 and was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in 2006.

Prior to working at DOE, Bill worked as a Senior Project Manager in private industry where he provided strategic planning services to Asian and European multinational corporations. He also was a reporter in Austin, Texas.

Bill received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas and his Master of Arts in International Economics and Energy Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.