

Biography Richard A. Walega
HUD New England Regional Administrator

Richard A. Walega was sworn in on March 22, 2010, as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Regional Director, serving the six states in HUD's New England Region which includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

As the Regional Administrator, Walega will serve as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, elected representatives, state and local officials, member of Congress, private and non-profit developers, stakeholders and customers. He will oversee the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities and evaluate their efficiency and effectiveness. Walega is one of 10 regional directors in the United States.

Walega served as the Deputy Director for Modernization at the New Bedford, Massachusetts Housing Authority from 1993 to 2007 and as Assistant Executive Director from 2007 to 2009. Late in 2009, he was named its Executive Director and had been acting in that role since February 1, 2010 until March 5. He managed capital programs for the authority, led its effort to receive four competitive Recovery Act grants and had been in charge of its transition to asset-based management. He leveraged more than \$125 million in federal and state capital aid to modernize public housing and used his extensive experience in housing finance to oversee the rehabilitation and construction of affordable housing.

Prior to his service with the New Bedford Housing Authority, Walega was a principal with the Agelaw Group where he provided real estate consulting services to a variety of public and private sector clients. He also served as the Director of Development for Peabody Construction Co. Inc., in Braintree and as a City Planner in New Bedford. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Boston College and a Masters of Arts Degree in Government from the University of San Francisco.