

## Philip G. Lehmkuhler



Philip G. Lehmkuhler serves as Indiana State Director of USDA Rural Development. Appointed by President Obama in the summer of 2009, Mr. Lehmkuhler oversees operations of the 105 staff members located in seven Area Offices around Indiana. He manages an annual operational budget of approximately \$9 million and is responsible for a variety of loan and grant programs which invest over \$2.3 billion in rural Indiana annually.

Before joining USDA Rural Development, Mr. Lehmkuhler served as Manager of Economic Development and Members Services of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency where he was responsible for assisting member communities with community and economic development opportunities as well as other member services. Prior to that, Mr. Lehmkuhler served as the Manager of the Economic Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce. In this position, he managed five economic development divisions which included Business Recruitment, Business Retention and Expansion, Small Business, International Trade, and Tourism and Film. Before working at Commerce, he worked 14 years on community and economic development projects while working for Members of Congress. Some successful projects were AK Steel's discharge permit, riverboat casino permitting, securing funding for Jeffersonville's downtown revitalization project as well as moving the Town of English.

Mr. Lehmkuhler's affiliations have included the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Indiana Economic Development Association (IEDA), Mid-America Economic Development Council (MAEDC), Government Finance Officers Association and the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). He also has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Bio-Repository (ACB) in Kentucky.

Mr. Lehmkuhler earned his Master's in Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Louisville and his bachelor's degree with majors in public finance, policy and administration, and organizational management from Indiana University Bloomington. He also has received certification from the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. He is also certified as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) from the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI). He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Indiana University-Bloomington teaching state and local government finance.

He was born and raised in Jasper, Indiana. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children and live in Indianapolis.