

Antonio R. Riley, HUD Midwest Regional Administrator

Antonio R. Riley is the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Regional Administrator for the six states in HUD's Midwestern Region which includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

As the Regional Administrator, Riley serves as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, elected representatives, state and local officials, congressional delegations, stakeholders and customers. He is responsible for overseeing the delivery of HUD programs and services to communities, as well as evaluating their efficiency and effectiveness. Riley is one of 10 Regional Administrators in the United States.

Prior to his new role, Riley served as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). As the first African American to head the agency, Riley oversaw what is considered the second largest bank in the state, with a \$3 billion mortgage portfolio.

While at WHEDA, Mr. Riley focused on the relationship between housing and economic development by developing strategies to increase jobs, make homeownership affordable, and invigorate depressed neighborhoods.

In 2009, Riley's peers elected him to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Housing Authorities. He was re-elected in 2010. Earlier he worked for Milwaukee's Department of City Development under Mayor John Norquist and also served as staff assistant to the mayor.

A graduate of Carroll University in Wisconsin and also of the *Senior Executives in State and Local Government* program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Riley served 10 years in the Wisconsin Legislature representing Milwaukee's 18th Assembly District.

Throughout his career, Riley has earned numerous accolades and awards including the Legacy Foundation's prestigious Legacy Award. Riley earned the 2009 Legacy Award for being a person who passionately promotes, supports and invests in efforts that increase entrepreneurial opportunities; and, consistently reflects passion through his actions in bold and innovative ways creating wealth-building opportunities for everyone.



Mr. Riley has also served on the boards of the YMCA of Milwaukee, Transcenter for Youth, the Greater Milwaukee American Red Cross, and the Center for Policy Alternatives. He was chairman of the board of Milwaukee's Westside Health Care Association and is the former commission chairman for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

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