

Lakeisha Hood Moise serves as the USDA Rural Development State Director for Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands where she is responsible for:

- Advancing the priorities and initiatives of the Biden-Harris Administration, Secretary Vilsack, and the office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development.
- Promoting Rural Development’s mission and strategic goals.
- Directing the marketing, promotion, and outreach for all Rural Development programs.
- Providing key leadership to develop and support a productive, diverse, and inclusive field-based workforce.
- Building state-based relationships and partnerships with federal, state, and local government agencies, congressional offices, elected officials, regional consortia, community organizations and local partners to leverage resources and maximize Rural Development’s impact.



Prior to joining Rural Development, Lakeisha served as the Director of the Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness in the Florida Department of Agriculture - a role within which she managed the implementation of the state's food and nutrition programs, including oversight of a \$12 million-dollar operational budget and more than \$1 billion dollars of federal pass-through funds. Lakeisha has also previously served as a legislative assistant in the Florida Senate.

A graduate of Alabama State University, Lakeisha obtained her Master of Education degree from Auburn University at Montgomery and has earned law degrees from North Carolina Central University School of Law and the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Lakeisha currently resides in Tallahassee, Florida with her husband and two fur babies and is a licensed member of the State Bar of Georgia.



Crystal Stiles

**Executive Director, FPL Development
Distributed Technologies and Mobility**

Crystal Stiles is executive director of development for Distributed Technologies and Mobility (DT&M) at Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). In this role, Crystal leads DT&M functions that enhance programs and offerings for customers. Under her leadership, DT&M is expanding FPL EVolution, a growing electric vehicle (EV) network including public charging, residential charging and fleet electrification. Crystal is also responsible for microgrids and emerging technologies.

Crystal joined FPL in 2012 and led FPL's Office of Economic Development. Under her guidance, the economic development team received repeat recognition by national economic development organizations and helped hundreds of companies locate or expand in Florida, resulting in over 30,000 new job opportunities. She also led the 2020 launch of 35 Mules, an innovation hub powered by FPL. 35 Mules provides resources and support to invited startups to grow Florida's next generation of world-changing companies.

Crystal serves on the board of directors for Enterprise Florida and the Aerospace Alliance. She is vice-chair of the Florida delegation of the Southeast U.S./Japan Association and a past chair for the Florida Economic Development Council.

Crystal is a graduate of Leadership Florida Cornerstone Class XXXVII. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in communication from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va., and a Master of Business Administration with a focus in international business from Florida Atlantic University.



Jason Jermark
Vice President – Global Service Operations
Gas Services
Siemens Energy

Jason Jermark is Vice President of Global Service Operations for Siemens Energy's Gas Services business area based in Orlando, Florida, USA. In this global role with a multi-national team his responsibilities include oversight of the creation and execution of service business strategies and operations support for the power generation industry. This includes a variety of services required to support the generation energy transition, including decarbonization, digitalization and traditional rotating equipment.

Jason has over 20 years of experience with increasing responsibility in Siemens Energy's Gas Services business area. He started his career working as a Field Service Engineer, gaining technical and people management skills which eventually led to positions within the field service team as a District Service Manager and Regional Operations Director. From there he was tasked to serve as the in-country Gas & Power Services business lead for all functional service business units, successfully growing the local service business and gaining valuable sales experience and customer insights. Prior to his current role he was the head of the generation service marketing and sales operations team, responsible for the commercialization of new service products and concept development.

Throughout his career Jason has had the privilege to live and work in several international locations including multiple stops in the United States, China and Canada.

Jason holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, USA and his MBA from the University of Florida Warrington College of Business in Gainesville, Florida, USA.

He and his wife, Kristie, have one child and reside in Oviedo, Florida.



Carrie Schmaus (she/her) is a technology manager at the Water Power Technologies Office at the U.S. Department of Energy, where she works to advance marine energy (technology that harvests energy from ocean waves, tides, currents, and salinity/thermal gradients). Her focus is on the Powering the Blue Economy initiative, under which she leads the Power at Sea portfolio, a body of work that investigates the role of marine energy in powering offshore activities including ocean observing, aquaculture, and seawater mineral mining. In addition, she is engaged with the body that writes international standards for electrotechnology, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), through their young professional activities, where she was elected Young Professional Leader in 2018. She also chairs the United States National Committee to the IEC's Young and Emerging Professional (YEP) Committee where she has led the

development of a US National YEP Program, and she manages the Water Power Technologies Office's support for the IEC Technical Committee 114 (IEC/TC 114), which develops international standards for marine energy. She joined the office in 2018 as a NOAA Knauss Marine Science and Policy Fellow and completed an ORISE fellowship in 2019 before becoming a public servant in 2020.

Before joining DOE, Carrie worked as a research fellow at the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships, a DC-based non-profit that supports successful public-private partnership models, and completed a Master's in Marine Affairs at the School of Marine and Environmental Affairs at the University of Washington, where she focused her thesis on the role of public-private partnerships in large-scale solar energy. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with honors, from Wittenberg University with a degree in biology.



Stephanie Gagnon is Manager for Regional Programs at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES). She manages the regional roundtable program, which localizes decarbonization discussions to communities around the country to identify a positive path forward in the low-carbon transition. She also supports C2ES's low-carbon economic development work.

Prior to this role, she supported transportation decarbonization policy at C2ES, including light-duty electrification and freight decarbonization. Before joining C2ES, Ms. Gagnon worked for the National Wildlife Federation, supporting digital fundraising

and advocacy goals and consulting for the Offshore Wind Energy Campaign. She also spent five years writing about U.S. climate change policy through the Climate Scorecard Project.

Ms. Gagnon holds an M.A. in international relations and environmental policy from Boston University and a B.A. in international development studies and German language and literature from McGill University.