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Mr. Kirkland serves as the senior public official to represent and advise Governor Tom Wolf's Administration and the Department on all matters related to the development of statewide policies and programs to substantially increase the participation of small diverse businesses (SDBs) and small businesses (SBs) in Commonwealth contracting and in Pennsylvania's overall economy.

Under his leadership, the Department of General Services (DGS) commissioned the first Commonwealth Disparity Study, purchased a state-of-the-art contract compliance data collection and tracking system, and implemented the Commonwealth's Small and Small Diverse Business development program.

He formally served as Associate Deputy Administrator and Regional Administrator, US Small Business Administration; Vice President, US Black Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director, Pennsylvania Democratic Party. Mr. Kirkland is the Co-Founder of the American Contract Compliance Association, the largest membership-based contract compliance training organization in the world. He is the founder of the African American Political and Leadership Roundtable.

Mr. Kirkland served with a four-member delegation from the United States to South Africa. While there, he facilitated equity management training and provided technical advice to members of President Nelson Mandela's leadership team.

Mr. Kirkland is the recipient of numerous distinguished awards including; the W.E.B. Dubois Award for Excellence, the Parren J. Mitchell Award for Outstanding Minority Business Development Service, the Arthur A. Fletcher Vanguard Award and the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Civil Rights Award.

He holds a Master's Degree in Human Services (MHS) from Lincoln University. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Inc. Mr. Kirkland is an Honorably Discharged United States Air Force (Viet Nam) Veteran.