



## Biography

Gilbert Colón  
Deputy District Director

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### Career Chronology

Employed annuitant of SBA, serving as Deputy District Director, North Florida District Office, Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Colón served as the Deputy District Director, South Florida District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), 1997 to 2011 and retired December 2011. Prior to joining SBA, Mr. Colón founded and served as Principal of Alpha & Omega Development Associates, a professional services company providing technical and management consulting services. From December 1995 to June 1996, he also served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Software Control International (SCI). Prior to starting Alpha and Omega, Mr. Colón served as Senior Vice President for Business Development and International Operations of Dynamic Energy Resources, Incorporated. Mr. Colón served as Acting Director and Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). Prior to MBDA, Mr. Colón served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for White House Liaison for the Department of Commerce. Mr. Colón also served as Associate Director of Presidential Personnel, The White House from January to May 1993. From 1985 to 1992, he served as Managing Director for Corporate Services at Celadon Technologies in Vienna, Virginia. He served as Vice President for International Operations and Assistant Vice President for Administration and Finance at Landmark Systems Corporations, also in Vienna, Virginia. From 1983 to 1985, Mr. Colón served as Executive Vice President of Jhoon Rhee Enterprises in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Colón's previous civil service experience from 1975 to 1981, included Deputy Special Assistant to the President, The White House; Special Assistant to the Deputy Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management; and Assistant to the Commissioner on Aging, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Colón started his federal career as an HEW Fellow.

Prior to 1975, Mr. Colón served as Assistant Director of the Technical Assistance Division of the non-profit Community Service Society of New York; Assistant Director of the Puerto Rican Drug Abuse Task Force; Supervisor of the Social Services Department of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico offices in New York City; and Construction Contractor Coordinator of the East Harlem Redevelopment Corporation. In October 1993, **Hispanic Business Magazine** named Mr. Colón as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States." Mr. Colón is listed in **Valdez Publications** "HISPANIC Who's Who in America," 1978 and **Marquis** "Who's Who in America," 1995.

### Personal

Mr. Colón was born in Naguabo, Puerto Rico. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the City College of New York and a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College, City University of New York. He served in the U.S. Army and was awarded a Good Conduct Medal for his service. Mr. Colón, a resident of Jacksonville, Florida, is married 50 years to Cheryl, has three children, five grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

### Civic and Professional Affiliation

Member of the UNF Coggin College of Business Business Advisory Council; served as a member of the American Legion Post 186 Hernando County, Florida; Served as member, SER-Jobs for Progress, Miami, Florida; Served member, ASPIRA Broward Advisory Council; Served on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Florida State Advisory Committee; Served as Vice Chairman, South Florida Federal Executive Board; Co-Chairman, Combined Federal Campaign, United Way Miami; Served on the Commonwealth of Virginia Advisory Committee to the U.S Commission on Civil Rights; Served as Elder of First assembly of God (Church); Served as Trustee, Southeastern University, Washington, D.C.; Served as Trustee, Valley Forge Christian College, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Served as member, Greater Washington Ibero American Chamber of Commerce; Served as member, Small & Disadvantaged Business Council, Washington, D.C.; Served as member, Living Stage Board Committee, Arena Stage, Washington, D.C.; Served as Federal Commissioner, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; World Trade Center Fort Lauderdale Board of Advisors, and Vice Chairman and Policy Committee.