



Amb. Joseph Westphal

Senior Global Advisor

With decades of faithful public service at the highest levels of government, Hon. Joseph Westphal is a recognized leader in U.S. diplomacy, Armed Services policies, legislative processes, federal water resources rules, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works programs.

The Hon. Joseph Westphal's distinguished career is characterized by a wealth of experience and expertise in government, diplomacy, academia, and public service. His most recent tenure as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia underscores his adept leadership in addressing critical issues such as security, counterterrorism, and energy policy. Dr. Westphal's deep-rooted relationships in the region highlight his diplomatic acumen and strategic engagement.

His extensive government service includes key roles in the Clinton, Bush, and Obama Administrations, where he played pivotal roles in environmental protection, water resources management, and Army operations. As Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works in the Department of Defense, Dr. Westphal demonstrated effective strategic direction for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operations and oversight. As the Undersecretary of the Army and the Army's Chief Management Officer, he demonstrated exceptional leadership in force management and business operations.

Dr. Westphal's academic background further enriches his perspective, having served as a professor and department head, specializing in political science, environmental studies, and policy. His academic contributions are complemented by his practical experience, including his tenure as the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and Director of the Tishman Environmental Studies Center at the New School University in New York, where he later was appointed Provost.

Throughout his career, Dr. Westphal has been a dedicated public servant, with a deep-seated commitment to the United States Congress. His extensive experience on Capitol Hill, including his role as a staff member on the House Budget Committee and his work with Sen. Thad Cochran (MS), reflects his bipartisan approach and his dedication to advancing federal policies that benefit all states.

In 2020, the National Academy of Construction inducted Bob as a member in recognition of his career and accomplishments. NAC is comprised of a select group of industry leaders who have demonstrated outstanding contributions in engineering, construction and related fields.

Education

BA, Adelphi University

MA, Oklahoma State University

PhD, University of Missouri-Columbia

Memberships and citations

Silver Medal for Superior Service, EPA

Distinguished Civilian Service Medal,

Department of the Army

Distinguished Public Service Medal,

Department of Defense

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Other Experience

- Global Senior Fellow at the Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Senior Fellow at the Center for Leadership and Change Management, Wharton
- Fellow at the National Academy of Public Administration
- Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute
- Non-Resident Fellow at the International Studies Center, Catholic University of Chile.