

As you know, Rod O'Connor is leaving the Department this week after more than two years of outstanding service as my Chief of Staff. He and his family will be moving to London as he pursues a private sector opportunity, and we wish him all the best.

I'm pleased to announce today that Brandon Hurlbut will be my new Chief of Staff. Brandon has served for more than a year as Deputy Chief of Staff after joining us from the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs. Always calm under fire, Brandon has unique leadership skills and knows how to get things done. I'll be relying on his hard work and depth of experience as we tackle the challenges ahead.

Of course, success will never depend on any one individual. We will continue to rely on the outstanding contributions of our many talented, hard working employees and contractors from around the Department, who make outstanding contributions to the country every day.

Please join me in congratulating Brandon, and thank you for everything you do.