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Todd Atkinson is the Chief of Staff to the USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator, providing guidance on energy, environmental and regulatory policy.

Prior to joining the USDA, Atkinson was appointed to the Office of Policy for the Environmental Protection Agency where he was the EPA representative on the President's Biofuels Interagency Working Group. He also served on the Obama Presidential Transition Team for the Department of Energy and the nomination briefing teams for Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

Atkinson was an early developer of the Obama for America energy and environment agenda beginning in February 2007, and served on the agriculture, energy, environment and transportation advisory committees.

Beginning his career in 1985 at the Bureau of Legislative Affairs at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Atkinson also worked for 20 years on the staff of three U.S. Senators from Illinois, including four years with then-Senator Barack Obama as senior policy advisor on energy, environment, agriculture and transportation.

Atkinson has an MBA from the University of Maryland and an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois in Urbana. A native of Bethany, Ill., Atkinson's family farms land in Shelby County, which was first settled by his great-great-grandfather in 1843.