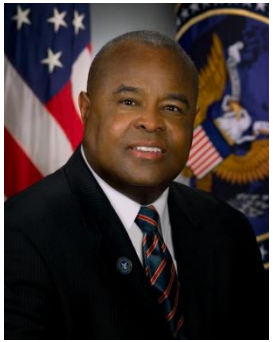

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John M. Robinson was appointed Director of the Office of Civil Rights and Chief Diversity Officer for the Department of State in March, 2008. He serves as primary advisor to the Secretary of State and her senior leadership on EEO, diversity, affirmative employment, and related issues. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Robinson was the first Chief of EEO and Diversity for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. He served in a similar role for the Internal Revenue Service from 2001 to 2005. Robinson was Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) from 1999 to 2001. There he was responsible for workplace and worklife improvements - i.e. employee relations, EEO reform, improving management practices, leadership development, labor relations, health and fitness, and community outreach. His federal service began in 1994 as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Prior to federal service, Robinson served in the Rhode Island Governor's Cabinet as Director of the RI Department of Employment and Training from 1991 to 1993. He was a senior dean at Brown University before joining state government and held various administrative positions in higher education from 1973 to 1990. A Vietnam-era veteran, he served as a naval officer aboard a destroyer and an ammunition ship, and earned the Navy Commendation Medal. A graduate of Brown University, Mr. Robinson holds a Masters degree from Tuskegee University and completed programs at the Center for Creative Leadership, the Federal Executive Institute, and the Harvard Institute for Education Management .