

Paul J. LeBlanc

Paul J. LeBlanc assumed the responsibilities of Deputy Minister/President of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) on November 15, 2010. Mr. LeBlanc began his career in the Public Service of Canada in 1977 on an accelerated management training program with the Solicitor General's office in Ottawa. He moved to the Public Service Commission (PSC) in 1980, and held several positions there, including that of Regional Director for New Brunswick. He then served as Superintendent of the Kouchibouguac National Park in New Brunswick. Mr. LeBlanc joined ACOA in 1987 to support the newly created Agency as Director General, Human Resources. Over the years, he has held numerous positions with the Agency, including Director General, Development (Entrepreneurship, Tourism, and Trade); Corporate Secretary; Vice-President, Prince Edward Island; Vice President, Finance and Corporate Services; and Senior Vice President, Policy and Programs. Mr. LeBlanc left the Agency in September 2004 to join the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. There, he held the position of Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations. He rejoined ACOA in September 2006 as Executive Vice-President. Born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Mr. LeBlanc was educated at Université de Moncton, where he completed bachelor's degrees in psychology and social work and a Masters in Business Administration.