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## Top Skills

Community Recovery and Resilience  
Executive Leadership  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

# Melissa Forbes

Office of Response and Recovery at FEMA  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Highly experienced senior executive with a track record of leading large organizations and driving program success. Skilled in team management, problem solving, and strategic planning. Adept at leading change in growing or challenged organizations and developing others by aligning skillsets. Proven success in delivering results in organizations outside of my technical expertise, forging collaborations with constituencies at all levels, and communicating complex issues to both employees and leaders.

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## Experience

### FEMA

10 years 10 months

#### Assistant Administrator, Recovery

January 2022 - June 2023 (1 year 6 months)

Washington DC

#### Deputy Assistant Administrator for Recovery

April 2019 - March 2022 (3 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

#### Deputy Chief Information Officer (Acting)

July 2018 - April 2019 (10 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

#### Deputy Associate Administrator (Acting), Office of Policy and Program Analysis

December 2016 - July 2018 (1 year 8 months)

Washington D.C.

#### Director, Enterprise Resource Planning Division, Office of Policy and Program Analysis

January 2015 - December 2016 (2 years)

#### National Preparedness Assessment Division

September 2012 - January 2015 (2 years 5 months)

washington d.c. metro area

Section Chief,

National Preparedness Assessment Division (NPAD)

National Preparedness Directorate (NPD)

FEMA

US Department of Homeland Security

Presidential Management Fellow

August 2010 - September 2012 (2 years 2 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security

Office of Risk Management and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security

Council on Environmental Quality - Executive Office of the President

Climate Change Adaptation Analyst

May 2011 - October 2011 (6 months)

City of Chicago

PhD Intern - Climate Action Plan

January 2010 - April 2010 (4 months)

Chicago, IL

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## Education

University of Michigan

PhD, Public Policy and Sociology · (2004 - 2010)

Texas A&M University

MPSA, Public Service and Administration · (2002 - 2004)

Truman State University

BA, Political Science · (1998 - 2002)