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Manuel R. Gonzalez is District Director for the 32 county Houston District of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). He has been in upper management positions with private industry and government for the past 28 years including the last 11 with SBA.

Gonzalez is responsible for directing the activities of Houston District Office, including supervision of SBA employees, oversight of a business loan portfolio, a minority small business portfolio comprised of over 100 firms in the 8(a) program, administration of the University of Houston Small Business Development Center and 15 sub-centers, and coordination of four chapters of the SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", which provides entrepreneurs with free, confidential face-to-face and online business counseling.

Manuel Gonzalez served as the Acting District Director of the Houston District Office prior to his appointment as District Director. The District ranks in the top five in all categories of the 7(a) Lending Program for large offices. He has held several senior management positions in various financial institutions including an underwriter in the Denver District Office, a Supervisory Loan Specialist at the Fresno Commercial Loan Servicing Center, Assistant District Director of the Houston District Office, and Acting District Director of the El Paso District Office.

Gonzalez holds a graduate degree from University of Wisconsin, School of Banking and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University in Accounting.