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Eric R. Stark Joins NTIA as Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy Analysis and Development

Eric R. Stark of San Mateo, California, has joined the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) as Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy Analysis and Development. In this capacity he directs the department that conducts research and analysis and prepares policy recommendations for Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information Michael D. Gallagher.

"Eric brings a keen customer focus and strong analytical skills to this challenging assignment," Assistant Secretary Gallagher said. "His years of experience in the global marketplace for voice, data and Internet telephony services give him an extremely valuable, real-world understanding of market forces and competition. Eric will add a fresh and well-grounded perspective to our policy work at NTIA."

Stark began his career with AT&T in Los Angeles in 1990 in a sales operations role and then moved up through the ranks holding several positions of increasing responsibility in sales and sales management. In 2002, he was named global account director in AT&T's San Francisco office, responsible for leading a worldwide sales team for one of AT&T's largest accounts.

Stark received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and business from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California in 1990 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Southern California in 1996. He and his wife Sabrina were married in 1993 and have two children.

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