

Ashlee Johnson

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Ashlee Johnson brings nearly two decades of experience at the intersection of public policy and agriculture. Her career spans senior roles across Capitol Hill, the White House, federal agencies, and the private sector.

She began her career on Capitol Hill as a legislative staff member for Congressman Mike Ross of Arkansas and later served on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry under Senator Blanche Lincoln.

Ashlee subsequently joined the Obama Administration, where she held several leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including White House Liaison and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary. She also served on the White House Domestic Policy Council, working on rural affairs and immigration policy.

Her private-sector experience includes leadership roles at Tyson Foods and FMC Corporation, where she led state government affairs and later served as Director of Corporate Sustainability, helping shape the company's global sustainability strategy.

At The Russell Group, Ashlee serves as a Principal advising clients on regulatory and legislative strategy, federal funding opportunities, and stakeholder engagement. She helps organizations navigate complex policy environments and align business goals with evolving public-sector priorities.

Ashlee is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. She is a co-founder of the Black Professionals in Food and Agriculture Association, a member of MANRRS, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.