

J. Robert (Bob) Manzanares

Mr. Manzanares is a retired career State Department senior Foreign Service officer with the rank of Minister- Counselor.

Mr. Manzanares served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Human Resources from August 2009 through June 2012 where he supervised Performance Evaluations, Employee Relations, Recruitment, Assessment and Employment as well as the Executive Office for the Bureau of Human Resources. Prior to this, he served as the State Department's Diplomat in Residence located at the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Manzanares was also responsible for outreach to the University of Texas at El Paso, and Universities in Colorado and Wyoming.

Mr. Manzanares served as the Acting Permanent and Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States. While in these positions Mr. Manzanares held Ambassadorial rank. From 2003 to mid 2006, he was Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Spain. From 2000 to 2003 he was Executive Director to the Executive Secretariat of the Office of Secretary of State under Secretary Powell. He was Executive Director for the Bureau of African Affairs from 1998 to 2000. Previous postings include Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Mexico City, Mexico; Reykjavik, Iceland where he served as Management Officer; and Tel Aviv, Israel, where he was Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Management Counselor. In addition, he has held several positions in the State Department, including serving as Advance Officer for Presidential international visits during the terms of President Reagan and President George Walker Bush. He has also served as a Senior Watch Officer at the Operations Center and was detailed to the National Security Council (NSC) from 1993 to 1994 as Director of Administration.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Manzanares served in local government for six years as Assistant to the Town Manager in Vail, Colorado and City Manager to neighboring communities of Minturn and Redcliff, Colorado.

Born and raised in Colorado, Mr. Manzanares received his Bachelor of Arts from Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. He has a Master in Public Administration Degree in City Management from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. He speaks Spanish and French.