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Christopher A. Padilla was named Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs of International Business Machines Corporation in April 2009. He leads the company's global government affairs function, representing IBM before governments worldwide with a team of professionals located in 38 countries.

Prior to joining IBM, Mr. Padilla served as Under Secretary for International Trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce, leading efforts to develop U.S. trade policy, promote and review foreign direct investment in the United States, support U.S. exports, and enforce compliance with trade laws. Padilla was also appointed by the President to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China. Before serving as Under Secretary, he was an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, overseeing the export of items controlled for national security reasons.

From 2005-2006, he served as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to Deputy Secretary of State Robert B. Zoellick. From 2002-2005, he was an Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, where he built support for international trade agreements.

Mr. Padilla worked for more than fifteen years in the private sector prior to his government service. Over a ten-year career at AT&T and Lucent Technologies he held several positions including marketing, business development, and government affairs. Later, he was Director of International Trade Relations at Eastman Kodak Company.

He holds a B.A. and an M.A. in international studies from Johns Hopkins University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He serves on the boards of the Information Technology Industry Council, the Council of the Americas, and the US-India Business Council. He previously served on the board of the YMCA of the USA.

