



Meet the Nominees

**ROBERT M. TOBIAS CERTIFICATE
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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Vincent Calabresa

Head of Data Governance

National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Key Cohort REE SES II



Vincent Calabresa is the Head of Data Governance at NASS in the USDA at its headquarters in Washington, DC. His current responsibilities include contributing to the Research Education and Economics mission area metadata plan while creating and implementing an agency-wide data strategy, overseeing the migration of legacy databases to modern systems, and developing an enterprise data catalog. The prior 7 years, Vincent served NASS as Chief of the Business Services and Strategy Branch, Senior Project Manager and Head of Analysis, Development and Maintenance. Through these positions he created and standardized a procurement process for the agency's IT budget, established two cloud brokerage agreements and overhauled agency broad IT systems.

Prior to joining NASS, Vincent served as the Panama, Paraguay and Suriname expert for Peace Corps Headquarters administrating their programming, training, and budgets. Before he became a federal employee, Vincent started and brought new life to several private businesses. Earlier in his career while serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nicaragua, Vincent facilitated a business plan for a successful milk cooperative.

During 2023, Vincent had the honor to contribute to American University's Key Executive Leadership Program and was also selected as a keynote speaker for graduation. The program fostered an outstanding environment to refine skills, learn new ones, grow, and improve leadership with a diverse intelligent cohort. The coming months and years will provide opportunities for all graduates to collaborate efforts to better serve staff and the USDA mission.

Vincent was born and raised in a suburb of Chicago and treasured his frequent visits to his grandparent's hog and corn farm in Deerfield, Wisconsin. He has nearly 25 years of management, strategy development, mentoring, and budgetary experience in environments with technological challenges and resource scarcity,

including 6 foreign countries. He has gained invaluable experience working with both domestic and foreign stakeholders while working in and traveling to over 70 countries and 7 continents. He even spent the better half of a year working with the National Science Foundation in Antarctica. Vincent has practical and a formal educational background in business, economics, and logistics from Indiana University, competes in multisport, loves SCUBA diving and has a Xoloitzcuintle.