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Toni DeLancey Named Deputy Director of Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

McLEAN, Va., Nov. 6, 2017 — The Farm Credit Administration has announced the selection of Toni DeLancey as the deputy director for the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. She succeeds Christine Quinn, who will retire at the end of March 2018.

In this position Ms. DeLancey will be responsible for overseeing FCA's public affairs activities and staff and assisting with certain congressional affairs activities.

"We are happy to welcome Toni to the Farm Credit Administration," says Mike Stokke, director of congressional and public affairs. "Her experience as a seasoned communications practitioner both within and outside of government, along with her television broadcasting and military background, brings value to both the public affairs team and the agency."

From 2005 to 2017, Ms. DeLancey held communications and leadership positions in both the Department of the Army and the U.S. Postal Service, where she managed organization-wide public relations and communications activities, including media relations, media training, strategic communications counsel to organizational leaders, corporate spokesperson activities, crisis communications, and social media execution.

From 1995 to 2004, Ms. DeLancey worked in broadcast journalism as a television news anchor, reporter, and producer at stations throughout the country – such as WDAF, Fox 4 in Kansas City; News14 Carolina (now Spectrum news) in Raleigh; and the Conus and Fox News Bureaus in Washington, DC, where she had the opportunity to work as an onsite producer at the White House, Capitol Hill, and State Department.

Prior to her career in journalism, she served as a Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army in both the active and reserve components from 1991 to 1998.

Ms. DeLancey also currently serves as an adjunct speech communication professor at Northern Virginia Community College, work she began in 2012.

She is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, where she earned a B.S. in American studies in 1991; a graduate of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, where she earned an M.A. in speech, communication, and theater in 1997; and a graduate of Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she earned a

Ph.D. in communication in 2010. Ms. DeLancey also holds an APR, the Accreditation in Public Relations, which she obtained in 2015.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the safety and soundness regulator of the Farm Credit System. The System consists of two government-sponsored enterprises — a nationwide network of cooperative banks and associations established in 1916, and a secondary market entity known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) that was established in 1988. The System's borrower-owned banks and associations provide credit to farmers, ranchers, residents of rural communities, agricultural and rural utility cooperatives, and other eligible and creditworthy borrowers. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans, rural housing mortgage loans, and certain rural utility loans. Members of the FCA board are Dallas P. Tonsager, board chairman and CEO, and Jeffery S. Hall.

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