

Michael L. Telson

Dr. Telson is Vice President for Energy programs at General Atomics of San Diego, CA. in its DC office.

Before that, he was Director of National Laboratory Affairs, and science advisor, for the University of California in its Washington Office of Federal Governmental Relations from 2002-10. He was responsible for managing the Federal legislative issues involving the three national laboratories managed by the University of California for the U.S. Department of Energy including the Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Labs.

He previously served as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the U.S. DOE from October of 1997, after confirmation by the U.S. Senate, through May of 2001. He reported directly to Secretaries Pena, Richardson and Abraham advising them on all financial matters including the preparation and execution of DOE's nearly \$20 billion annual budget. He was at the DOE from January, 1995 through May, 2001. Before that, he served as advisor to the Deputy Secretary for science and budget issues.

Before the DOE, he served as senior analyst for energy and science programs on the staff of the Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representatives. He was responsible for reviewing the programs of the DOE, the NSF, and NASA, as well as government-wide R&D policy. He was with the Budget Committee from 1975 to 1995.

In the 95th Congress, he also served as the Staff Economist of the House Ad Hoc Committee on Energy, created to help enact the 1978 National Energy Act. In the 96th Congress, he also served as Staff Coordinator of Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill's Task Force on Energy created to deal with problems relating to the 1979 oil shortages.

Dr. Telson holds Ph.D., E.E., M.S., and B.S. degrees in electrical engineering from MIT, and a Master's degree in management from the Sloan School of Management.

In 1973 he was selected to participate in the first class of AAAS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellows and served on the staff of the Senate Energy Committee.

In 1999, he was elected AAAS Fellow "for distinguished contributions in the formulation of science and technology policies and budgets and in interpretation of these policies and budgets to the scientific community." In 2004, he was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society "for his contributions as both a senior congressional staffer, and a senior official in the US Department of Energy, to the support of the physical sciences in the US."

In January of 2001, Secretary Richardson recognized his contributions by giving him the "Meritorious Service" and "Superior Performance" Awards. In October, Secretary Abraham gave him DOE's "Gold Medal for Excellence."

Dr. Telson was born in New York City, grew up in Cuba and is fluent in Spanish.