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Chief Counsel for Advocacy Thomas M. Sullivan officially named Mr. Phillips the Region VI Advocate in January 2003. In that capacity, he ably represented the interests of small businesses in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and his home state of Texas. Mr. Phillips was named as the SBA's National Rural Advocate for Rural Affairs, Office of Advocacy, for the U.S. Small Business Administration on November 26, 1996. He represents the nation's rural small businesses within the federal government's legislative and rule-making process. Mr. Phillips first joined the SBA team in 1973, serving as Chief Administrative Officer in the Dallas Regional office and later as Deputy Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Region VI. He was responsible for the overall management of SBA programs in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Mr. Phillips retired on December 31, 2005 after serving 31 years with SBA and the Office of Advocacy.

Mr. Phillips came to SBA from the LTV Corporation, where he served as General Manager of the Education Services Division. Previously, Mr. Phillips was with the Shell Oil Company in Midland, Texas in the Exploration Department. Prior to his employment with Shell, he assisted his parents in managing the family farms in Wolfe City and Ladonia and a small grocery store (Stop N Shop).

Mr. Phillips is active in the following professional organizations:

- Partner with the Southwest Group (Financial)
- Member of the Board Texas Rail District Association
- Member of the Board of Directors and Past Chairman (1995-97) of the Texas Rural Development Council
- Member of the Board of Directors of Texas Rural Partners, Inc.
- Member of the Board of the Texas Food and Agricultural Council (U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- Member of the Board of the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center
- Advisor to the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Business Assistance Center
- Past Chairman of the National Rural Partnership Council's Business Finance Committee
- Member of the Border Trade Alliance (comprised of leaders of Mexico and the United States)
- Member of the Fort Worth Economic Development Council
- Member of the United States Department of Agriculture Bluebonnet Resource Conservation and Development District
- Member of the U.S. Federal Executive Board
- Member of Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Center for the Study of Rural America
- Member of the Rural Policy and Research Institute – University of Missouri
- Member of the Hunt County Alliance for Economic Development

Mr. Phillips is also a charter member of the Steering Committee formed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop innovative linking of multiple sources of financing, technical assistance and applied research to rural communities.

In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Phillips is involved in many civic and community affairs.

A native of Greenville, Texas, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from East Texas State Teachers College and his Master of Science Degree from Texas Christian University (TCU).