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Robert Piceno, a career public official with over 36 years of combined state government and federal service, has been appointed State Executive Director for AZ. Piceno began his state employment in 1972 working as a personnel analyst for the AZ State Personnel Division. In 1975 Piceno was appointed Director of the Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity. Upon Governor Castro's resignation to become Ambassador to Argentina, Piceno accepted the position of Affirmative Action Officer for Arizona State University. Piceno since has held a variety of administrative and executive positions in State and Federal government to include serving as Administrative Officer of the USDA Farmers Home Administration from 1979 to 1985 and State Executive Director of the AZ Farm Service Agency from 1993 through 1998. Piceno was raised on a large farming enterprise managed by his father and uncle which gave him the opportunity to work and learn firsthand AZ farm production from the ground up. Piceno left the farm to complete military service in 1972 and his studies at Arizona State University in 1974. Piceno welcomes and appreciates the opportunity to again serve the farmers and ranchers of Arizona.