Michael O. Leavitt, Chairman Leavitt Partners

Michael O. Leavitt is the founder and Chairman of Leavitt Partners. In previous roles, Leavitt served in the Cabinet of President George W. Bush (Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and Secretary of Health and Human Services) and as a three-time elected governor of Utah. Mike Leavitt grew up in Cedar City, Utah. He earned a bachelor's degree in business while working in the insurance industry.

In 1984, he became chief executive of the Leavitt Group, a family business that is now the nation's second largest, privately-held insurance brokerage. In 1993, Leavitt was elected governor of Utah. He served three terms (1993-2003). In 2003, he joined the



Cabinet of President George W. Bush, serving in two positions: first as leader of the Environmental Protection Agency (2003-2005) and then as secretary of Health and Human Services (2005-2009). At HHS, Leavitt administered a \$750 billion budget — nearly 25 percent of the entire federal budget — and 67,000 employees.

He led the implementation of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. Leavitt's strategic ability can be seen in his redesign of the nation's system of quality and safety standards for imported goods. In the spring of 2006, President Bush assigned him to lead a government-wide response. Within months, Leavitt recommended a major strategic shift in U.S. policy on import regulation and trade. Leavitt is, at heart, an entrepreneur. As governor, he organized a group of his colleagues to form Western Governors University. Collaborator is a word that comes up repeatedly when one examines Leavitt's background. His skill led his colleague governors to elect him as chairman of the National Governors Association, the Republican Governors Association and Western Governors' Association. He and his wife Jackie have been married nearly 37 years. They have five children and eight grandchildren. The Leavitt's live in Salt Lake City, Utah.