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Brad Kirbyson has served as the Political/Economic Specialist at the U.S. Consulate in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, since the office opened in October 2001.

Mr. Kirbyson brings extensive knowledge of Manitoba's political and economic landscape to his position at the Consulate. Raised on his family's farm near Souris, Manitoba, from an early age he developed an understanding of the agricultural industry and its importance to Manitoba's economy. He has received several meritorious honor awards for his service to the United States Government, including a Franklin Award for his work during a seven-month temporary assignment at the U.S Embassy in Baghdad in 2008-9.

In addition, Mr. Kirbyson has experience with all 3 levels of government in Canada. Prior to joining the Consulate staff, he served as a Policy Analyst with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, with primary responsibility for transportation and agricultural issues. He worked for 5 years at the Manitoba Legislature in several positions, including special assistant to the Ministers of Labour and Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Mr. Kirbyson previously worked for a Member of Parliament and a federal Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Kirbyson holds a B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science from the University of Manitoba, and also studied at the Université de Québec à Trois-Rivières. He speaks some French and German.