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Meldon S. Hollis, Jr., currently serves as Associate Director at the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Within the office his focus is on STEM initiatives, international programs, and emergency management.

He comes to the Initiative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) where he had worked since September 2005. At FEMA, he served in various positions, including Coordinator for Intergovernmental Affairs in the External Affairs Division, Program Officer in the Individual Assistance Division and Program Officer in the Policy and Procedures Branch of the Public Assistance Division.

Meldon has held senior governmental positions at the municipal, state and federal levels. He has served as Vice President for University Relations at Texas Southern University, and as a university administrator at Harvard University and the University of Maryland at College Park. He has taught on the faculties of Northeastern University, the College Park and Baltimore County campuses of the University of Maryland and Howard University.

Prior to joining FEMA, Meldon taught Government and Political Science at Howard University. Over a 35-year work history, Meldon has served in the Army Security Agency; as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; as Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; as an attorney; and as a business consultant. In 1965, while serving as an enlisted man in the Army, Meldon received a presidential nomination to, and attended, the United States Military Academy at West Point. He holds an M.A. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland and a J.D. and M.P.A. from Harvard University. He has studied international law and indigenous courts at the University of Legon in Ghana, West Africa.