

# Former NOAA Admiral Joins Dawson & Associates

Rear Adm. Samuel De Bow, who served as director of both Marine and Aviation Operations and the Commissioned Officer Corps for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 2004 to 2007, has joined Dawson & Associates as a Senior Advisor.

Founded in 1997, Dawson & Associates is the nation's premier government relations and public affairs firm for water and natural resource environmental permitting. The company includes more than 30 former federal and state officials, including former Members of Congress John Myers and Sonny Callahan.

As director of NOAA's Marine and Aviation Operations and the Commissioned Officer Corps, Adm. De Bow oversaw a USD200 million annual budget supporting the operations and maintenance of 20 research ships, 11 aircraft and close to 300 Commissioned Officers.

In 2004 he was nominated and confirmed as a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

Adm. De Bow has close to 30 years experience managing federal and private sector ocean research projects focused on NOAA's mission to ensure safe navigation. From 1998 to 2002, Adm. De Bow was Chief of the Hydrographic Surveys Division at NOAA's Office of Coast Survey.

Rear Admiral De Bow was appointed into the NOAA Corps in 1976. One of the nation's seven uniformed services, the NOAA Commissioned Corps is a small, elite corps of officers who command NOAA ships and aircraft as well as serve within the many environmental research programs of NOAA and other government agencies. Adm. De Bow is the sixth Flag Officer to join Dawson & Associates.