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Stephanie serves in the Office of the Secretary, as the Acting Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs. She develops the department's vision and strategy to engage multiple and diverse public officials and stakeholders around agency policy and initiatives. She also advises senior HHS officials on leveraging and maximizing involvement with coalitions, trade associations and strategic collaboration with community and business leaders to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Stephanie formally served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education in the Office of the Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. There, she lead EPA's public engagement and environmental education efforts to build community capacity to broaden the participation in the EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment.

Owens was formally the senior vice president of The Agency, a firm specializing in the development of corporate social responsibility strategies and stakeholder communications and strategic partnerships. Her clients included the National Football League and Major League Baseball. She also served as the Vice President of Collaborative Initiatives for the American Cancer Society, Florida Division.

Stephanie also served as a presidential appointee to President Bill Clinton serving as a Special Assistant to Vice President Al Gore for the Federal Interagency Task Force on St. Petersburg, Senior Advisor to Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Special Assistant to HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

Owens serves as a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and Board Member of the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Stephanie is a graduate of the University of Southern California and native of Detroit, Michigan.