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### Scott Carter

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#### Executive Biography

Scott Carter is President and Chief Strategy Officer of Conduit Government Relations, a boutique government relations firm that specializes working in Washington, D.C., the western states, and the New England corridor. Scott brings over 30 years of expertise and experience on Federal government relations and communications to ensure Conduit clients meet their strategic priorities.

Scott earned a reputation in the Federal government and on Capitol Hill as one of the most dependable, strategic, and resourceful Government Relations executives in government. Throughout his career he counseled senior leaders at all levels including agency Secretaries and Members of Congress on issues of economic development, minority business, tourism, veterans' issues, support to weather forecasts and disasters, and how public safety net programs operate. During his dignified career in the Federal government, Scott's work in the Department of Commerce included assignments at the Minority Business Development Agency, the Economic Development Administration, the Census Bureau, and at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Scott served as the Chief of Government Affairs for the US Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service from 2007 to 2019, working on three Farm Bills and the reauthorization of child nutrition programs in the Hungry, Healthy, Free Kids Act of 2010. Scott retired from the USDA in November 2021, as Disaster Response Coordinator in the FNS Office of Emergency Management, having worked closely with FEMA and other Federal agencies on the COVID-19 disaster response and other disasters, including wildfires, rolling blackouts, floods, and hurricanes.

Scott has worked on a range of high-profile national issues, from working with congress on the Hurricane Katrina investigation, to local issues, like finding opportunities for community gardens, farmers markets, and regional food systems to support access to nutritious food for low-income communities. His extensive network of partners is critical to ensuring solutions and opportunities are provided to Conduit clients.

Scott earned his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism/Public Relations from California State University - Fresno in 1993. He is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, where he met his fellow veteran and wife, Stephanie. He is an avid golfer and fisherman who loves spending time with his grandbabies, Emelia, and Livia where he and Stephanie live in Augusta, Maine.

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