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Nussle Launches Consulting Firm in DC
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Former U.S. Rep. Jim Nussle launched a policy consulting firm today in Washington, D.C., that focuses on guiding groups and individuals through the maze of the federal government.

"To me, at least it brings together a lot of experiences and a lot of expertise that not only I have but I think the team we've initially set up can provide for clients, and can provide for businesses, or individuals or groups that are interested in being effective in Washington, D.C.," the former Republican lawmaker told The Des Moines Register.

Nussle's experience includes eight terms in the U.S. House, where he served as chairman of the budget committee. Nussle also served as President Bush's last budget director for two years after losing the 2006 election for Iowa governor.

After the 2008 election, Nussle briefly weighed seeking the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.

Instead, he decided to launch the Nussle Group, where his former top aides Barbara Snitker and Christopher Bliley are also working.

"The Nussle Group will assemble experienced teams on behalf of clients to complement Nussle's experience not only in the budget area, but also in fields such as health care, tax and finance, regulation, energy, higher education and non-profits, agriculture, rural development, telecommunications, technology and national security," a press release from Nussle's firm said.

One of Nussle's clients is GrowthEnergy, which represents the nation's ethanol producers, Nussle said.