

Laura Edith Chavez

Business & Cooperative Programs Loan Specialist

Ms. Chavez began her career with **USDA Rural Development** in September 2006.

Laura was initially a **Program Technician** for the USDA and following years of dedication and continuing education was promoted to a **Loan Specialist** in May 2015. During this time period Laura received an **Associate's Degree in Business** and also became a **Certified Spanish/English Translator and Interpreter** for the agency.

Ms. Chavez currently works in the **Business and Cooperative Programs** office where a majority of her time is spent in the **Guaranteed Business & Industry Loan Program** and the **Rural Energy for America Program**. Laura works with lenders, business owners and agricultural producers throughout the State to assist Nevada's rural communities access capital for business start-up and expansion. While working in the business programs for **Rural Development**,

Ms. Chavez has developed an overall knowledge of the many USDA Rural Development programs which are available to assist rural Nevadans.

Prior to working for USDA, Ms. Chavez served as a **Loan Officer** for a local **nonprofit organization** that assisted families in obtaining home ownership through a **Mutual Self Help Program** which was funded by the **USDA Rural Housing Service**. In her free time, Ms. Chavez enjoys running, outdoor recreation and spending time with her family.