

Denise Benjamin Sirmons, Director, Office of Acquisition Management (OAM)

Denise Benjamin Sirmons joined EPA on April 30, 2007, from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) where she was the Assistant General Counsel for Contracting in the Office of General Counsel. In this position, Denise was responsible for counseling Agency officials on all aspects of Federal government contracting, including contract formation and administration, bid protests, and contract claims. She also assisted in drafting regulations and in providing legal advice and support in the administration of SBA's various socio-economic programs. Additionally, she served as SBA's Acting Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and for the Office of Policy, Planning and Liaison. Denise earned a Master of Laws Degree in Government Procurement Law, with High Honors, from the George Washington University Law School. She also received a Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Howard University Law School, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Among the various awards Denise has received over her career is the 2004 Patricia A. Tobin Government Contracts Award for demonstrated excellence in the area of government contracts law. Denise is originally from Montreal, Canada. She is married and lives in Maryland.

Luis A. Luna, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration & Resources Management (OARM)

Luis A. Luna is the Assistant Administrator responsible for Administration & Resources Management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He serves as the Agency's chief human capital officer, chief acquisition officer, chief environmental officer, and chief energy and transportation management officer. He is responsible for overseeing 17,000 employees, 10 million square feet of office and laboratory space, \$4 billion a year in grants, and \$1.2 billion in annual purchases of goods and services. Luis was nominated for the post by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Prior to joining EPA, Luis was head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Community Development in its Rural Development program. He also served for 10 years as executive director of the Greater Salisbury Committee, a nonprofit organization that acts as a catalyst for community improvement on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Luis worked for 11 years on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant and counsel for members of both the Senate and House of Representatives. During the Reagan Administration, he served as a policy advisor at the Consumer Product Safety Commission and as an attorney-advisor in the Department of Justice.

Luis has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park and a law degree from Georgetown University.

Jeanette L. Brown, Director, Office Small Business Programs (OSBP)

Jeanette Brown served as the Deputy Director of EPA's OSBP, (formerly the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)) and the Deputy Director of EPA's Office of Acquisition Management. Prior to her tenure at EPA, Mrs. Brown served as the Director of the Office of Procurement and Grants Management and the Director of the Division of Program Development for the Minority Small Business Capital Ownership Development Program (more formally known as the 8(a) Program) at the Small Business Administration. Jeanette has more than 27 years of contracting experience in various federal agencies, including the Navy Regional Contracting Center, the Navy Automatic Data Processing Selection Office, the Joint Cruise Missile Project/NAV AIR, the Small Business Administration, and EPA. In 1980, Jeanette graduated from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland where she received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is native of Richmond, VA, where she attended Richmond public schools.

Raoul Scott, Director, Superfund/RCRA Regional Procurement Operations Division (SRRPOD)

Raoul Scott serves as the Director of the Superfund/RCRA Regional Procurement Operations Division (SRRPOD) in EPA's Office of Acquisition Management. He is the Chief of the Contracting Office (CCO) and is responsible for those actions that require CCO approval. His office is also responsible for the Division's administrative, budgetary, and personnel functions. Raoul oversees four Service Centers within SRRPOD. The Service Centers provide support to the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response on long-term clean-up & remediation efforts; emergency response activities/training and counter-terrorism efforts; and provide regional coordination/oversight; and supports Superfund's laboratory analysis program. Raoul has been with EPA for over 17 years. He started as an Intern in Cincinnati and later began working in

Headquarters in the Office of Water before coming to work in the Office of Acquisition Management as a Team Leader, then as Service Center Manager.

Cris Thompson, Director, Cincinnati Procurement Operations Division (CPOD)

Cris Thompson started her government career in 1980 as a Cooperative Education student while attending Defiance College. Upon graduation, she was placed on an upward mobility position in Contracting at Wright-Patterson Air Force near Dayton, Ohio. Upon completion of her internship she was selected for the Air Force COPPER CAP Management Program. During the program, Cris served in several positions with assignments such as lead contracting officer, section chief, appointed Small Business Specialist and Competition Advocate. Her last assignment with the Air Force was as Chief of the Construction Branch.

In 1993 she joined EPA as chief of the Construction and Small Purchases branch in CPOD. She has served as Service Center Manager for the Specialized Service Center and the Office of Water Service Center. In 2002 she was selected as Director of CPOD.

Cris has a B.A. degree in Marketing from Defiance College and an MSA in Administration from Central Michigan. She resides in Springboro, Ohio with her husband and spends most of her spare time spoiling her granddaughter Bella.

Bruce Means, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI)

Bruce Means has worked with the USEPA for over 28 years both as a manager and scientist. He has worked with the Headquarters Superfund program for the last 19 years in the areas of risk assessment and decision making, and is currently Chief of the Analytical Services Branch (ASB) in the Technology Innovation and Field Services Division. ASB is responsible for managing a range of national laboratory analytical services contracts that support regional cleanup programs for contaminated sites.

Barbara McDonough, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI)

Barbara McDonough has been with the Environmental Protection Agency since her senior year in college (1974). She began her career in the Office of Wetland Protection sorting comments to EPA's Marine Discharge program. She then moved to the Office of Water Enforcement where she spent time evaluating NPDES discharge reports and developed and conducted NPDES Inspection Training courses for water inspections under the NPDES program. She then moved on to the Office of Enforcement, where she was an analyst evaluating enforcement statistics. Barbara also spent time in the Office of Solid Waste working on their hazardous waste data system. Barbara left EPA to work with the consulting firm of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton. There she authored the RCRA Orientation Manual and developed and implemented the 6 week CERCLA Orientation course. In 1991 Barbara came back to EPA to work in the Hazardous Site Control Division in the Superfund program. She served as a project officer under the ARCS program and arrived just in time for the inquiry into contracting under the Superfund program. She then specialized in pollution liability insurance and was responsible for the renegotiation of contracts to update the indemnification and insurance clauses. She also worked as a Junior Resource Official, supporting the Senior Resource Official for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). One of her primary duties was working on the Contract 2000 Strategy, an overall program analyzing and mapping the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's procurements. In 2004 Barbara became the chief of the Contracts Management Branch in the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation. This branch handles the contracting operations from the programmatic perspective, planning and administering contracts that support the Superfund remedial program. Barbara's branch also handles grants, cooperative agreements and Interagency Agreements. A staff person in CMB serves as the liaison for all of the Remedial Action Contracts awarded and managed in the regions. Barbara grew up in Lima, Peru, and moved to the Washington DC area for college and never left. She lives in DC and tries to commute by bike to the EPA Virginia Office as much as possible.

Tim Grier, OSWER, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Tim Grier is currently a Program Analyst and Regional Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Management with oversight responsibilities for the regional Emergency and Rapid Response Services contracts. He has over 20 years experience in EPA Superfund acquisition and program offices. Tim started as a Contracting Officer with the Department of Defense in 1981.

Charles Swan, Superfund Division/Superfund Support Branch (Region 4)

Charles Swan is a Management and Program Analyst in Region 4's Superfund Division Superfund Support Branch. He started his government career in 1984 as a Contract Specialist at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, GA. While at Robins, Charles handled numerous major acquisitions such as the ALQ Radar Warning Receiver System. He has worked with all classes of contracts and is an advocate for small businesses. In 1989, he joined EPA as Project Officer working on the ARCS, RACS, START, ROC and Enforcement Support Services contracts. He has served on numerous details to Headquarter OSWER. He has a Master's Degree from Western Illinois and has done further studies at Florida State University.

Kelly Koontz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Kelly Koontz is an Environmental Program Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). She has managed many programs for the Corps to include Superfund, Base Realignment and Closure, Munitions, Radiological Cleanup, D.C. School Construction, FEMA Environmental and Civil Works Asset Management. Ms. Koontz currently works at USACE Headquarters and previously worked for a Corps District, Army Major Command, Army Installation and a land planning, urban design firm in the private sector. She is the Chair of the Contract Acquisition Working Group responsible for ensuring that the USACE environmental acquisition tools and capacity meet the future workload and needs of our customers. She has an Interdisciplinary Masters of Science in Environmental Science from Johns Hopkins University.

Juan Common, Acquisition Policy and Training Service Center (CPOD)

Juan Common is currently EPA's Cincinnati Procurement Operations Division's Small Business Program Manager. He is responsible for promoting and facilitating EPA's efforts in providing maximum practicable business opportunities, in its acquisitions, to small business, veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns. Juan holds a Doctorate of Public Administration from the University of Alabama, post-doctorate degrees from Webster University, and a BS in Finance from the University of New Orleans. He is a NCMA Certified Professional Contracts Manager, and has served in the procurement profession for the past 14 years with the Department of Defense, the US Air Force, and EPA. He is a native of Louisiana.

Corinne M. Sisneros, Competition Advocate (OAM)

Corinne Sisneros began her Federal career in 1986 with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland, where she earned an unlimited Contracting Officer warrant. While with NASA, Ms. Sisneros worked on procurement opportunities for research and development, information technology, services, construction, and supplies from presolicitation, evaluation, award, administration, through close-out.

In 1998, Mrs. Sisneros joined the Small Business Administration (SBA) Headquarters in Washington, DC, in the Office of Government Contracting where she was the Program Manager for the Women-Owned Small Business Procurement Program and the SBA Procurement Preference National Goaling (Goaling) Program Manager. In 2000, Mrs. Sisneros joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Headquarters in Washington, DC, in the Office of Acquisition Management as the Competition Advocate. Ms. Sisneros works directly for the Agency's Procurement Executive to develop goals and plans for increasing competition in the agency through research, training, negotiation and innovation.

Ms. Sisneros has received numerous awards for the work she's performed at all three agencies, including leading the team at EPA that brought the Office of Acquisition Management the first Gold Medal Commendation. Ms. Sisneros earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and her Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland. Corinne is a native of New Mexico and lives with her husband and two amazing children in Maryland.

