

Speaker Biographies
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Edwin Piñero was appointed by President George W. Bush in September 2004 to serve as the Federal Environmental Executive (FEE) in the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE). Mr. Piñero had served as Deputy FEE since January 2003. Previous to this appointment, Mr. Piñero was owner of Piñero Consulting, an environmental management consulting firm in Pennsylvania. He also worked for then-Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge from 1998 to 2001 as Director of the Bureau of Environmental Sustainability in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the State Energy Director.

Juan Lopez works as Senior Program Analyst for the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) as one of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) representatives to the White House Task Force on Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling. He is responsible for advancing the federal government's Electronics Stewardship and Sustainable Building Programs and also assists with the development and implementation of the Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and green purchasing programs.

Cynthia Vallina is Deputy Associate Administrator for procurement and a Senior Budget Analyst at the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, where she oversees government-wide implementation of Executive Orders on energy management, recycling and fleet management. Cyndi developed the Energy scorecard concept and the Presidential Energy Management Awards under Executive Order 13123. She is also responsible for Federal procurement policy on energy and environmental issues and provides executive leadership and guidance on the President's Management Agenda, acquisition reform, competitive sourcing and capital programming within OMB's Energy Branch. She is also a member of the Federal Energy Management Advisory Committee (FEMAC).

Patricia Dillon is a consultant and Principal of Dillon Environmental Associates. She's a contractor for the Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC) and has worked with the FEC Steering Committee since shortly after the program's inception. Patty has also been involved in the development of Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) for the past 2 ½ years, serving on both the Development and Implementation Teams, and currently on the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards Workgroup that is finalizing EPEAT as an American National Standard. Patty is now on the project team that is developing the Electronics Environmental Benefits Calculator, which measures the environmental benefits of purchasing EPEAT-qualified products as well as recycling equipment at the end of life. Prior to starting her consulting business, Patty was a Research Professor at Tufts University.

Catherine Cesnik works in the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance. Catherine has worked for DOI since 2000. Her work covers a broad range of environmental disciplines including: managing environmental award programs; developing and implementing recycling and reuse programs; creating and presenting environmental education materials and events for the public, DOI employees, and DOI environmental managers; coordinating oil spill contingency planning and response; coordinating emergency planning and response under the National Response Plan; supporting hazardous waste disposal and cleanup programs; leading DOI Electronics Stewardship programs; and serving as the environmental technical representative "greening" DOI's IT Hardware contract worth \$200 million. Catherine graduated from the honors program at the University of Iowa with an interdisciplinary B.A. focusing on Environmental Policy.

Jeff Eagan is Electronic Stewardship Coordinator for the Department of Energy (DOE), developing innovative reuse and recycling policies and procedures while aiding DOE field sites through the Office of Nuclear Safety and Environmental Assistance. He assisted DOE in winning the Agency Award for the 2006 Electronics Reuse and Recycling Challenge, and supports multiple DOE FEC facility award winners, including DOE Headquarters. Previously, Eagan helped DOE create and manage the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, a multibillion dollar entitlement providing health care and compensation to nuclear weapons workers who contract work-related diseases. Eagan has twenty-five years experience directing public affairs, issue advocacy, and citizen involvement programs through national, state, and local NGOs. He holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Barbara Matos joined the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in 2002 and serves as Environmental Program Manager in the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Materiel Policy, Training and Operations. Among her responsibilities, Barbara provides VA-wide policy, guidance, and training as it relates to waste reduction, recycling, and affirmative procurement. She manages the Environmental Stewardship Scorecard for the Department, with lead responsibility for the green purchasing and electronics stewardship elements. Barbara is the VA Point of Contact for the FEC and an active member of the Federal Electronics Stewardship Working Group. She is a Certified Personal Property Manager and was named Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management Employee of the Year for 2004. Prior to joining VA, Barbara worked for national non-profit organizations in Washington, DC, and the federal government in New York City. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and a Master of Liberal Arts degree from The Johns Hopkins University.

Laura Nazef is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Pollution Prevention Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Laura works on the Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC), a voluntary partnership program that encourages federal facilities and agencies to purchase greener electronics, reduce impacts of electronic products during use, and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally sound manner. She is also the Aerospace Sector lead for the Green Suppliers Network (GSN), a collaborative venture between industry, EPA, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Prior to coming to the Pollution Prevention Division, Laura worked in EPA's Great Lakes office. Laura holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Tufts University and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.

Jennifer Morton works with the pollution prevention program at Idaho National Laboratory (INL). She co-coordinated the FEC registration for the INL Site (partners as of January 2007). Her previous work in sustainability programs at INL have been focused on sustainable building, and include authoring the INL Green Building Strategy. Jennifer holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.

Bill Kulas is currently the Environmental Protection Manager of the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 1) of the VA. In this capacity he has responsibility for the development of environmental management systems and environmental compliance at 11 medical centers and 47 Community Outpatient Clinics throughout the six New England states. He was one of the authors of the Department of Veterans Affairs Green Environmental Management System (GEMS) Guidebook that has been developed to ensure systematic implementation of EMS throughout the VA. Bill holds a B.S. and an M.B.A.

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Jim Begis is currently a senior program analyst in the Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, General Services Administration and is responsible for developing policy guidance and regulations on all aspects of personal property (asset) management. Jim participated in the development of the JFMIP's Inventory, Supplies, and Materials System Requirements. He is a faculty member with USDA's Graduate School and teaches courses in personal property management, and is also an adjunct faculty member with Strayer University's Business Administration program. He has previously worked in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the District of Columbia Government in operations and in planning and policy development. Jim holds an MBA with a concentration in management, an MA in Industrial relations, along with a BS in business administration. He has professional certifications as a Certified Hazard Control Manager, and as a Certified Professional Property Manager. Jim is a retired Captain in the US Coast Guard Reserve.

Matthew Scholl is an Information Security Specialist in the Computer Security Division at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). Mr. Scholl has been an officer in the US Army Armored Cavalry, a contractor supporting the Air Force, the USDA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) providing support to agency level security officers for FISMA compliance programs. He has been an ISO 9000 compliance officer and ISO 9000 auditor. He currently works for the Computer Security Division at NIST. His publications include NIST SP 800-88 and an update to SP 800-30.

Holly Elwood has worked for the U.S. EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics in the Headquarters offices in Washington D.C. since 1993. For the past seven years she has been a Project Manager for the EPA's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Team—the group charged with assisting federal agencies in factoring the environment into purchasing decisions. Her current work is focused on helping federal agencies buy greener electronic products and services by developing a green procurement tool for computer laptops, desktops, and monitors and providing technical assistance to federal agencies on how to use this tool through the FEC. Holly completed her Master's degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy in May of 2004.

Cate Berard is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Pollution Prevention Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Cate manages the Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC), a partnership program that encourages federal facilities and agencies to purchase greener electronics, reduce impacts of electronic products during use, and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally sound manner. Cate also works with EPA's Green Building Workgroup to improve the environmental performance of the built environment, and provide green building resources to tribal organizations. Cate holds a Bachelor's degree in Integrated Science and Technology, and Computer Science, from James Madison University.

Kathryn Jones is an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Office of Occupational Safety, Health and Environment at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Headquarters. Kathryn serves as the Recycling Program Manager, the Green Procurement Program Manager and the Environmental

Planning Program Manager at TSA. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Studies from the State University of New York and a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech.

Oliver Voss has been with the EPA's Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) for thirteen years and has over twenty years of procurement experience. While at EPA, Oliver has worked in OAM's Superfund Division, OAM's Acquisition Policy Division, and was a Team Leader in the Administrative Contract Service Center under Headquarters Procurement Operations Division. Oliver has procurement experience many diverse fields, including: Superfund cleanup projects, enforcement contracts, financial services programs, and facilities support contracts. Oliver is currently the Service Center Manager for OAM's Information Resources Management Procurement Service Center (IRMPSC). Oliver's current center provides cradle-to-grave IT contractual support for the entire agency. Prior to EPA, Oliver spent eight years in the Naval Air Systems Command's procurement office.

Katharine Kaplan is a member of the ENERGY STAR Product Specifications Development Team where she manages the development of energy efficiency specifications for consumer electronics and office equipment. Prior to joining ENERGY STAR, Katharine was the lead for U.S. EPA's Plug-In To eCycling program. Also while at U.S. EPA, Katharine negotiated settlements with companies that disposed of waste at a landfill that accepted over 5.5 billion pounds of hazardous waste, now a Superfund site. Before joining U.S. EPA twelve years ago, Katharine worked for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, an international management consulting firm, on pollution prevention projects and innovative treatment technologies for hazardous waste cleanups. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and a Master of Public Administration.

Mike Walker has held a number of senior management positions with responsibility for sales and marketing, operations, and media/public relations. He is President of Beacon Consultants Network Inc., a consultancy dedicated to helping organizations build better customer experiences and partnerships. Beacon works with clients to improve the way their products and services are developed, marketed, and delivered. In particular, Beacon has established a reputation for helping government agencies and socially responsible corporations build successful public-private partnerships. His work with various programs at the EPA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and with companies such as GE, ADP, AOL, and Microsoft has broken new ground in environmental protection and the advancement public health. Prior to founding Beacon Consultants, Mike was Chief Operating Officer of Complete Communications, Inc.(now New England Network Group), an IT services firm. He has served as VP of Client Services at Belenos, Inc., and previously supervised large management consulting engagements at Deloitte Consulting. Mike graduated from the University of Virginia and holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Janice Aragon has been employed with the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 15 years. She has been in UNICOR since 2000, and she was a Factory Manager at Atwater, CA for the Recycling Group. She is currently an Industrial Specialist for UNICOR in Washington, DC. She assists with all aspects of the Recycling business.

Denise A. Hicks, Certified Professional Property Manager, whose nine grandchildren keep her up-to-date on the latest technology, and believes all students must have access to computers in their classrooms. "America's continued growth depends on the educational growth of our Nation's children, who will be tomorrow's leaders," she said. Unfortunately, thousands of schools lack computers and related equipment, such as monitors, keyboards, and modems to achieve this crucial goal. As a Program

Expert for the General Services Administrations Computers for Learning (CFL) program, Ms. Hicks oversees the electronic database that enables government and industry to identify the schools that are to receive excess computers and related equipment. She plays an important role in the effort to ensure that America's children are technology-literate, prepared to become tomorrow's leaders. Ms. Hicks has a BA in Management Development and is a Certified Professional Property Manager (CPPM).

The CFL program supports Executive Order 12999, which encourages government agencies to donate computers and equipment to schools. Though the demand for used computers far outweighs the supply, Ms. Hicks envisions a day when technology is integrated into daily lesson plans, when all students across America have access to their own computers, ensuring that our students are educated according their fullest potential, including technology.

Bob Tonetti is a Senior Environmental Scientist in EPA's Office of Solid Waste (OSW), where he is a member of the team working on electronics product stewardship. Much of his energies are currently focused on efforts toward the assurance of environmentally sound reuse and recycling of used electronics, including issues pertaining to exports. Bob developed the guidelines under EPA's Plug-In to eCycling program for the environmentally sound management of e-waste and was the lead author of international guidelines on the reuse and recycling of personal computers for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Bob has been a manager in EPA's OSW for many years, having a wide variety of responsibilities. He has been involved with the development of many of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations.

Jim Teal has been with the Department of Veterans Affairs for 17 years. He accepted a position with VA's Central Office in June 2004 as VA's National Property Manager. Prior to this, he worked at the VA Medical Center located in Salisbury, NC. His 17 years with VA has been totally devoted toward the area of property management. Before coming to VA, he served 21 years on active duty as a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy. He retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer.