

BIO OF DR. SALLY J. ROCKEY

Dr. Sally Rockey has spent the majority of her career in the area of research administration, grants management, and Information Technology. She earned her Ph.D. in Entomology (1985) from The Ohio State University. In 1986 she joined the USDA Competitive Research Grants Office of Cooperative State Research Service (CSRS) as program director for entomological grant programs. In 1991 she was promoted to Division Director for the Plants Division of the National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program, CSRS, USDA. In 1996 she became Deputy Administrator for the Competitive Research Grants and Award Management Unit of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) which is the extramural research, education and education arm of the USDA. Dr. Rockey oversaw the competitive portion of the research, education and extension portfolio within CSREES as well as oversaw the financial and administrative management of all CSREES grants and agreements. In 2002, Dr. Rockey became CSREES's Chief Information Officer and Deputy Administrator for Information Systems and Technology Management where she applied her breadth of government knowledge to IT by aligning state-of-the-art information technologies with the goals and objectives of CSREES. In 2005 Dr. Rockey was appointed to the position of Deputy Director of the Office of Extramural Research (OER) within the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH). OER serves as the focal point for policies and guidelines for extramural research administration within NIH where Dr. Rockey is applying her experience in research and grants administration to public health. Among her many responsibilities Dr. Rockey serves as the NIH Agency Extramural Research Integrity Officer managing research misconduct issues for NIH extramural programs, is Acting Director for the Office of Research Information Systems, and directs the OER Office of Planning and Communications. Dr. Rockey is a skilled public speaker and has given hundreds of presentations on research priorities and policies, grantsmanship, the competitive peer review process, scientific integrity, and IT. She is active on a number of Federal intergovernmental committees related to science, research, grants management and electronic government and collaborates closely with academic and scientific communities. She has actively participated in the science education of young children by giving presentations on insects to local elementary schools where she was known as the "Bug Doctor" and currently coordinates her local pool's swim team.