

## Wanda E. Ward

Dr. Wanda E. Ward is the Acting Assistant Director for Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation (NSF). Throughout her tenure at NSF, Ward has served in a number of science and engineering policy, planning, and program capacities in the Directorate for Education and Human Resources (1992-1997; 2006-present), Office of the NSF Director (1997-1999); and Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (1999-2006). From 2001-2002 she was on assignment at the Council on Competitiveness as Chief Advisor to the initiative, BEST (Building Engineering and Science Talent), where she provided leadership in the launch and development of this public-private partnership, established to carry out the implementation of a national diversity initiative called for by the Congressional Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development.

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