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JENNIFER JONES

Deputy Director

US Department of Agriculture

The Song Lyrics “If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain” from If I Can Help Somebody by Alma Bazel Androzso is undoubtedly a creed that Jennifer R. Jones strives to live by and has helped shape her career trajectory. Jennifer is an established federal employee who utilizes her extensive knowledge and leadership experience in planning/organizing and executing multi-faceted, complex activities. Jennifer currently is the Deputy Director of Phytosanitary Issues Management for Africa, Europe, and the Middle East with USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). She likes to affectionally refer to herself as an “APHIS-Lifer” as she has had a vast career throughout many programs in APHIS. She began her career with APHIS as an USDA 1890 Scholar Intern in the summer of 2005 with Policy Program and Development (PPD). Upon receiving her B.S. in Plant Science Biotechnology at Fort Valley State University in Georgia and then her M.A. in Economics from Virginia State University in Virginia, she became a full-time APHIS employee in January 2010, as an Economist with Policy and Program Development (PPD). Other positions she has held in APHIS include Regulatory Specialist with Biotechnology Regulatory Service (BRS); Data Manager in a detail position with Animal Care (AC); Assistant Director with Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ); Data Manager with Marketing and Regulatory Program-IT (MRP-IT); and Director of Phytosanitary Issues Management in a detail position with PPQ.

During her tenure with APHIS, Jennifer has provided services to help programs improve upon regulatory and inspection practices through business process improvement plans, mitigate data collecting and reporting errors, develop foundational documentation in the establishment of new programs, and various other mission critical activities as well. In addition, she also engaged in other volunteer roles within her agency, with the purpose of providing support and guidance for the employees of APHIS. As an intern, she established the APHIS Intern Club, which was responsible for exposing interns to the various aspects of APHIS and providing professional guidance. Additionally, Jennifer has previously joined multiple Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) committees, volunteered time with Fed’s Feeds Families (FFF), and currently serves as a registered APHIS mentor where she helps individuals achieve their career goals.

When Jennifer is not engaging in volunteer opportunities, she spends her time enjoying exercising, traveling, listening to her favorite group Blue October, and spending time with family and friends.



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