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Brooks Names New Diversity and Outreach Manager **New diversity director hired for NNSA**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Acting Administrator Linton Brooks has named Mary Ann Fresco as NNSA’s new Diversity and Outreach Manager.

“Our first step in creating the NNSA of the future is to develop a successful strategy to continue attracting top-tier, multi-ethnic talent,” Brooks said. “A diverse workforce is the key to our success. To achieve our long-term NNSA objectives, we are creating an organization that recognizes and builds on the diverse cultures, value systems, and perspectives that our workforce brings with them each day.”

Fresco was most recently the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Small Business Administration’s Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Compliance. She has served in a variety of leadership positions, including on a White House task force for the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

“Mary Ann has been instrumental in integrating diversity in the strategic, bottom-line daily business decisions. We are pleased to have her in our organization,” Brooks said.

Fresco, who began work this month, said, “I am proud to be a member of an organization that focuses on the strength of its people. Diversity should permeate all facets of cultural behavior in the workplace. I have a personal commitment to promoting unity, respect, and opportunity for all the people of NNSA. I pledge to work hard to make the NNSA the employer of choice for everyone.”

NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency of the U.S. Department of Energy. It enhances U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy, maintains the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, promotes international nuclear non-proliferation and safety, reduces global danger from weapons of mass destruction, provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion, and oversees national laboratories to maintain U.S. leadership in science and technology.

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