

Vonda Williams Bartee Director, Information Assurance Solvern Innovations

Mrs. Williams Bartee is the Director of Information Assurance Solvern Innovations. Solvern Innovations is a corporate entity that provides high-end solutions in the areas of Enterprise Management, Software and Systems Engineering, and Information Assurance services for customers in the Intelligence Community. Additionally, Solvern Innovations have provided unique research sponsored product innovation. Solvern Innovations has signed agreements with University of Maryland College Park, Human Computer Interaction Lab to provide software development and commercial practices to data visualization and executive dashboard technologies. Solvern Innovations now has top researchers Dr. Ben Schneiderman and Dr. Catherine Plaisant serving on it technology board of advisors. Mrs. Williams Bartee leads the company's focus on system wide vulnerability analysis of client's information infrastructures and implementation of sound technical and operational information assurance solutions. Solvern Innovations offer a world-class capability for the delivery and management of client information, providing for data integrity, identification and authentication, non-repudiation, confidentiality, and data availability.

Mrs. Williams Bartee was first appointed Director of Information Assurance for Scientific and Engineering Solutions, Inc. (SES) in January 2004. She is currently serving as the Director of Information Assurance at Solvern Innovations where she has been working with Prince George's Community College (Center of Excellence for Cyber Security) CyberWatch Virtual Center. Mrs. Williams Bartee is working close with Dr. Vera Zdravkovich, Director to support Technical Forum along with participating with PGCC and other universities & colleges in the program to help with IA initiatives. Additionally, Mrs. Williams Bartee is providing security guidance and recommendation to industry leaders in support of DHS IA initiatives.

Prior to her association with Solvern Innovations, Mrs. Williams Bartee worked with the Chief Information Assurance Information Officer (CIAO) at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) assigned as the Program Manager responsible for two contracts worth \$1.6M and a \$2.4M Certification and Accreditation Modernization contract. She provided overall management oversight of those contracts while managing a staff of over 15 Information Assurance Engineers, Software Developers, Systems Engineers, and Technical Writers along with managing over 3 different DoD subcontracts. Additionally, she proposed an awareness training approach which includes, Information System Security Mangers (ISSM)/ Information System Security Officers (ISSO), System Administrators (SAs) levels I-III, General Users Awareness Training, and IA Professionalized Training (CISSP, GIAC certifications).

Prior to service support with the Defense Intelligence Agency, Mrs. Williams Bartee successfully stood up an Information Assurance Operations for the Naval Security Group (NSG) central command at Ft Meade. She collaborates with the Navy field sites on problem solving

and consulting in all facets of Information Assurance to include: encryption, intrusion detection, firewalls, detection measures and countermeasures, Network Security Tools, Information Assurance policies, programs, and processes, and Computer Network Vulnerability Assessments. She has been involved in various conferences and training such as Information Assurance Technical Framework Forum (IATFF), Continuity of Operations (COOP) Conference, Mission Assurance Working Group (NSA), Information Assurance Focus Group (NSA).

Prior to supporting the Naval Security Group Information Assurance Directorate, Mrs. Williams Bartee worked as an Assistant Project Manager for the Naval Security Group (NSG) central command Y2K Project Management Office. Her technical IV&V test background assists in the evaluation and certification of all software systems for the Y2K compliance certification process. She also coordinates IV&V and End-to-End Thread testing of all NSG operational systems along with other dependent systems at its corresponding agencies. Mrs. Williams Bartee has generated Test Plans and Procedures used to certify software systems within NSG and its supporting host commands. Additionally, she has provided Y2K assessment reports, Y2K reviews at various levels, and attended several high level meetings at various locations providing expert support and guidance in Y2K activities for NSG.

Mrs. Williams Bartee was awarded several letters of Appreciation for her in-depth knowledge of IA tools and DoD policies which quickly established herself as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and her demonstrated ability to work in a demanding environment while maintaining overall focus of the IA mission of the nation.

A graduate of George Mason University with a B.A. in Mathematics, Mrs. Williams Bartee also attended George Washington University where she received a Masters Certification in Information Technology Project Management. Mrs. Williams Bartee is newly married to Gary B. Bartee and has two beautiful children, Lauren and Guy, Jr. Williams.

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