



Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Administration

Term of Appointment: 12/17/2011 to present

A member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Career Minister, Joyce Barr was confirmed as Assistant Secretary of Administration for the Department of State in December of 2011. As Assistant Secretary, she is responsible for a variety of functions including logistics, acquisitions, domestic facilities, and records management.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Ms. Barr joined the Department in September 1979. Her previous assignments abroad include Stockholm, Budapest, Nairobi, Khartoum, Ashgabat, and Kuala Lumpur. She also served as U.S. Ambassador to Namibia from 2004 to 2007.

Ms. Barr has additionally served as Executive Director for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and as Deputy Commandant at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.