

Biography Dr. Carolyn D. Bohlen

Carolyn Bohlen was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri where she attended elementary and secondary Catholic schools. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology/Chemistry from Fisk University; a Master of Science degree in Biology/Ecology from Tennessee State University; and a Doctorate degree in Adult Education from Northern Illinois University.

She was a biology and reading instructor at Talladega College, Talladega Alabama, where she directed the Cooperative Education Program. She was employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. She taught classes at Malcolm X College in Chicago, Illinois prior to starting a career at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 in Chicago. During her 28 year tenure at EPA, she served as a Life Scientist in the Safe Drinking Water Branch in the Water Division and she has provided high quality service, primarily to the Superfund Division (SFD), throughout her career. For 19 years she served as Chief of the Documents Management Section; acted as Chief of the Innovative Systems and Technology Branch and the Program Management Branch; and served as the Environmental Justice Coordinator for the Division. In addition, she directed the Regional Office of Civil Rights.

Dr. Bohlen is spiritually driven has received countless awards for exemplary service. In 2010, she received five significant awards. As one of the founding members on the Federal Managers Association, Chapter 375 in Chicago. She assumed a variety of leadership roles with in the Association over the year. She served as the 1st and 2nd Vice president of her Chapter for 8 years. Combined with her selfless charity work and dedication to federal service she received the Associations' prestigious "Federal Manager of the Year Award" in 2010, for her efforts on behalf of the Association and the American public.

Dr. Bohlen has enhanced the opportunities for staff and managerial training, skills development, career advancement, and diversity for the betterment of the organization through her outstanding achievement in redesigning and rewriting the Region 5 Mentoring Program, its application form, and the Region 5 Mentoring Manual. She took the initiative to expand upon the original mentoring program and develop an up-to-date model, for the use of all regional staff, supervisors, and managers, which incorporates all regional programs at grade levels GS-3 through GS-15. This effort went well beyond the responsibilities of her immediate position.

She has dedicated herself to improving the quality of services the American people expect and deserve from the Environmental Protection Agency. She has earned the respect of her supervisors as well as her subordinates with her robust leadership style and unique combination of skills and abilities. Dr. Bohlen has also received the Regional Administrator's Award for Excellence for outstanding achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) in 2010.

She currently serves as Chief of the Enforcement Services Section #2, in the Enforcement Compliance and Assurance Branch in the Superfund Division. She has a wealth of knowledge and 25 years of valuable experience in supervision and program management. She is a stellar performer and the recipient of countless regional and national awards. She has varied experiences and a unique blend of skills, as she provides every effort to support the Agency's mission, its management and EEO.

In all endeavors, she demonstrates strong leadership and organizational skills; implements innovative and creative ideas; and imparts a great deal of knowledge and experience. She teaches elements of mentoring; team building; motivation; and staff empowerment; along with giving her support to her colleagues. She has proven flexibility and commitment toward excellence in this ever changing work environment.

She is happily married and resides in a south suburb outside of Chicago.