Biographical Sketch – Danny A. Harris, Ph.D.

Dr. Danny Harris is a 30+-year Information Technology and Financial Management professional. He is currently the Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Department of Education. As the CIO, he acquires and maintains the Department's IT Infrastructure and its most mission critical Financial Management Systems, including the Accounting System, Contracts and Purchasing System, Travel Management System, the Department's award winning Grants Management System, and its Web presence. He manages over 135 federal staff and more than 700 contractor staff. He manages the agency's participation in and implementation of Federal CIO Council Initiatives and coordinates Council activities throughout the Department.

Dr. Harris is also currently an Adjunct Professor at Howard University where he has served in this capacity since 1993. He teaches courses in Computer Technology. Prior to his job as the Department's CIO, Dr. Harris served as Deputy Chief Financial Officer from 2004 to 2008. In this capacity, he supported the CFO in overseeing the Department's Financial Management operation.

Dr. Harris holds a B.A. in Communications from North Carolina A&T State University, and an M.A. and PhD. in Organizational Management from Howard University.