

Murrell heads Federal Women's Board

Elaine B. Murrell, the Federal Women's Program manager for the U.S. Department of Labor, was re-elected chairperson of the Federal Women's Interagency Board (FWIB), a group dedicated to strengthening the Federal Women's Program (FWP) and to improving the employment status of women.

Murrell, a career civil servant, has been with the Department of Labor for over 20 years. For the past four years, she has served as the department's FWP manager in the department's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs.

The FWP is a special-emphasis program designed to increase job opportunities for women at all levels of the federal government, to facilitate their movement into educational and training opportunities which prepare them for promotions up to and including executive levels, and to provide programs that improve the employment status of federally employed women.

The FWIB, which Murrell chairs, includes FWP managers and equal employment opportunity specialists from various federal agencies within Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. The board provides a forum for FWP managers to exchange information on problems, activities, issues and successes of the FWP program.

The board also reviews and proposes policies concerned with the FWP and with problems of women in the federal government. It assists federal departments and agencies in improving and enhancing the status of federally employed women and maintains liaison with the Office of Personnel Management, Federally Employed Women, Inc., and other organizations concerned with improving the status of women.

Murrell said her major objectives for the coming year will be "to work closely with the Office of Personnel Management to address the issues of systemic and employment barriers that hinder women in the federal sector, and to enhance the professionalism of FWP managers through information sharing, networking and the pooling of resources."



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