



**Barbara J. Bennett**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**

Barbara J. Bennett was nominated by President Barack Obama on September 3, 2009 to serve as Chief Financial Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She was confirmed by the Senate on November 6, 2009. Ms. Bennett's responsibilities include oversight of EPA's annual planning and budget formulation, budget execution and financial management, performance and financial reporting, as well as strategic planning for the Agency. Ms. Bennett is a global business executive with over 25 years of experience. Prior to joining EPA, Ms. Bennett served as Senior Executive

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Discovery Communications, Inc. From 1990 to 2007, Bennett was a key member of the team that built the parent company of the Discovery Channel into one of the world's most extensive media enterprises, with more than 100 channels telecast in 170 countries, in over 30 languages to over one billion subscribers. As CFO, she was responsible for the worldwide financial functions and strategies of the company including accounting, treasury, budgeting, reporting, audit, tax activities, and evaluation of new growth opportunities, and leading a multi-cultural, multi-lingual team located in the five leading international hub offices in addition to corporate headquarters. From 2007 to 2009, Bennett was an independent consultant working with companies and non-profit organizations with interests in media, hospitality, tourism, and professional sports. She earned her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and completed executive programs at Harvard Business School and Yale University.