

## **Dr. Quita Bowman Blackwell**

Dr. Quita Bowman Blackwell joined the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) as a Veterinary Medical Officer after some time in private practice. Dr. Blackwell is a native of southern California but did her undergraduate work resulting in a B.S. in Zoology from Howard University and obtained her D.V.M. from Tuskegee University in 1990. Dr. Blackwell has an extensive background in risk management relative to food safety, the prevention of hazards into production and process, and safeguarding the consuming public. This is demonstrated through her work experience over the past 17 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Her tenure with both FSIS and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has given her vital experience that are of great value to the Department (***FSIS:** Chief of Policy Operations; Director of the Policy Operations Division; Director of the Directives & Economic Analysis Staff, Strategic Manager of Food Defense for Policy, Developer of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) Policy; Facilities Equipment and Sanitation Division Manager of Water, Solution and Ice Reuse Policy; Filed VMO; **APHIS:** Program Manager of the National Veterinary Accreditation Program; National Coordinator of Animal Health Emergency Management Systems*).

Currently she is the Chief of Policy Operations charged with the day-to-day operations of the policy office for FSIS. She was recently selected as a participant in the USDA Senior Executive Service (SES) Candidate Development Program to prepare her for the SES in the near future. Her goal is to have a positive impact on the agency's mission to protect human health through food safety and food defense. She is married to a Tuskegee Graduate and they have one 7 year old son.