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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Since 2000, Dr. Nancy Kingsbury has served as Managing Director for Applied Research and Methods (ARM) at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), where she leads a specialized staff of about 170 individuals who provide high-quality technical support on GAO assignments. Drawing on diverse backgrounds ranging from economics and statistics to science and engineering, ARM staff play a critical role guiding teams through cost analyses, engagement design, data analysis, and survey design.

Before heading ARM, Dr. Kingsbury was an Assistant Comptroller General responsible for GAO's portfolio of work on government wide management issues. In that role, she directed the production of reports on such issues as human capital management and government business operations, tax policy and administration, justice and immigration, and financial institutions and markets.

Dr. Kingsbury was appointed Director for Planning and Reporting in the General Government Division in 1995, after serving as Director for Federal Human Resource Management Issues for two years. She also held the position of GAO's Director for Air Force Issues from 1988-1993, and Director for Foreign Economic Assistance Issues from 1986-1988.

Before joining GAO in 1984, Dr. Kingsbury was the Director of Resource Management at the Peace Corps between 1979 and 1981, where she oversaw the agency's personnel activities, budget, and administrative services. From 1972 to 1979, and later from 1981 to 1984, Dr. Kingsbury served in various positions at the Office of Personnel Management, formerly the Civil Service Commission, participating on the team responsible for civil service reform in 1978 and evaluating the Intergovernmental Personnel Act grant programs.

Dr. Kingsbury holds a B.A. degree from the University of Miami (Florida), where she graduated summa cum laude with General Honors. She attended The John Hopkins University as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, where she received her M.A. and Ph.D. in experimental psychology and analytic methods in 1965 and 1968, respectively. She has held offices at the American Evaluation Association and the American Society for Public Administration, and she is a Fellow and member of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Public Administration. She has served as Adjunct Professor at the American University School of Public Affairs since 2001.

Dr. Kingsbury was awarded the AEA Alva and Gunnar Myrdal Award for Evaluation in Government in 2005. She has also received many of GAO's highest honors, including the Comptroller General's Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the John Henry Luke Mentoring Award.