



OOC Staff Receives Safety Award

Terry Wigfall, Compliance Manager at the Office of Compliance (OOC), was honored recently by the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) at the Society's annual 2011 Professional Development Conference held in Chicago, Illinois. In recognition of her accomplishments, Ms. Wigfall was honored with the President's Award and recognized by the Women in Safety Engineering as one of 100 Women Making a Difference in Safety.

Ms. Wigfall received these awards for a wide variety of safety and health activities where she has actively impacted and enhanced the profession. Wigfall founded ASSE's Blacks in Safety and Engineering (BISE). In her capacity as BISE Chair, Ms. Wigfall has helped the group to increase its membership and develop into a premier organization for professional development and networking. She also helped plan the ASSE's 2011 Professional Development Conference, which attracted the largest number of participants in ASSE history.

As Compliance Manager at the Office of Compliance, Ms. Wigfall manages the team responsible for inspecting legislative branch workplaces and work operations. She works closely with the OOC's Occupational Safety and Health Program Manager to develop priorities for the OOC's risk-based inspection and hazard abatement programs and helps communicate those efforts to stakeholders. She also helps develop strategy for occupational safety and health inspections requested by legislative branch employees. Ms. Wigfall has dedicated her career to protecting and educating workers, identifying hazards, and reducing risks.

Ms. Wigfall said, "My dad was one of my inspirations for getting into the safety profession because of a chemical exposure that he sustained in a workplace. I love the safety and health field. There is never a dull moment, things are always changing, and I get to do things that affect the lives of people in positive ways. It has its challenges, but I wouldn't want to do anything else!"

Ms. Wigfall has more than 20 years of experience as a safety professional, and is certified as an Associate Safety Professional.