

Short Bio:

Zdenka Saba Willis is the Director of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Program. Mrs. Willis is a retired Navy Captain with career service as a Meteorology and Oceanography officer in the United States Navy. She has a background in the collection of oceanographic data onboard the USNS Harkness and USNS Maury survey vessels and in the electronic navigational charting as Deputy Navigator of the Navy. As the director of U.S. IOOS, Mrs. Willis leads a coordinated network of people that work with technology and ocean observers to generate and disseminate continuous data on our coastal waters, Great Lakes, and oceans. With IOOS serving as the U.S. contribution to the Global Earth Observing System (GOOS); Mrs. Willis also has a leadership role within the GOOS U.S. Regional Alliance. Mrs. Willis' experience and expertise allows her to represent IOOS and NOAA in two additional platforms: the Interagency Ocean Observing Committee (IOOC) and the U.S. Global Earth Observations (GEO). All of her roles support and promote NOAA and IOOS' observing activities on a regional, national and global level.