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**Mary Sullivan**

## **NETL's Mary Sullivan Recognized with Prestigious Federal Award**

**Pittsburgh, PA --** Mary Sullivan, a project manager at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), has received the prestigious Silver Award for Non-Supervisory Professionals from the Federal Executive Board in recognition of her project management, engineering, and communication skills; effective teamwork and leadership; and community service.

Sullivan, who was raised in Scott Township and currently lives in Upper St. Clair, was awarded the prize at the Federal Executive Board's Woman of the Year Awards Luncheon held August 27 in Pittsburgh as part of Women's Equality Day.

The award was bestowed in recognition of her long record of success and dedication to teamwork. Specifically, Sullivan has earned a reputation for providing exceptional support to

NETL technology managers in complex meetings and discussions focused on cutting-edge energy research topics, as well as outstanding work communicating NETL's mission and accomplishments to the nation through the development of effective technical presentations and other outreach tools.

Sullivan earned bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University. At NETL, she works in the Storage Division of the Strategic Center for Coal where she specializes in carbon storage and manages several challenging projects.

She currently manages 10 grants and cooperative agreements with universities, industry, national laboratories and small businesses related to the injection and safe, long-term underground storage of carbon dioxide to reduce emissions and mitigate global climate change.

A specific accomplishment that drew attention of judges was her successful negotiation of a \$5.2 million project designed to evaluate the carbon dioxide storage and enhanced oil recovery potential in the Bakken Formation through laboratory analyses and pilot-scale field injection testing.

Outside of NETL, Sullivan volunteers at her daughters' elementary school where she talks to children about pursuing careers in engineering. She is also a volunteer with the Upper St. Clair Swim Club and serves on her community homeowners' board.

Her division director, Kanwal Mahajan and NETL Deputy Director Scott Klara were on hand at the luncheon to congratulate her on the award. The event also helped raise funds for Project Journey, an effort to assist female veterans when they return home from service in the armed forces.

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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