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Mary Heard was appointed Acting ACIO for Cyber Security in March 2008. Ms. Heard was a member of the first cadre of computer specialists in the USDA Office of Inspector General. She served as Deputy ACIO in the Office of Cyber Security when she returned to the Department in January 2006.

She returned to Agriculture from the State Department, Office of Inspector General, where she was responsible for the audits of global IT inspections. During this time, Mary obtained several credentials and certifications in accounting and information technology: She has a dual certification as both a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). Mary has also worked overseas with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Mary Heard was born in Northern Virginia where she currently resides. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and her Master of Business Administration Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.