

**Mrs. Lurita Alexis Doan**  
**Administrator**



On May 31, 2006, Lurita Alexis Doan took the Oath of Office to become the 18th Administrator of General Services. She is the first woman to serve as the chief executive of the U.S. General Services Administration. President George W. Bush nominated Mrs. Doan on April 6, 2006. The Senate confirmed her nomination on May 26. Until July 2005, Mrs. Doan was the president, CEO and sole owner of a surveillance technology company she founded in 1990. Most recently, she served on the Presidential Search Committee to select Vassar College's 10th president; the Steering Committee for the Women's Majority Network founded by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole; and the Steering Committee for the soon-to-be-built Shakespeare Theatre Harman Center for the Arts in Washington, DC.

Mrs. Doan is the recipient of several awards for innovation and entrepreneurship, including the Committee of 200 Visionary Award and the Department of Commerce Award for Entrepreneurial Innovation.

A native of New Orleans, La., Mrs. Doan was awarded a master's degree in Renaissance literature from University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1983. She received a bachelor's degree from Vassar College in 1979, and graduated from Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, La., in 1975. Before entering the field of computer technology, Mrs. Doan taught at several colleges in the Washington, DC area, including the University of the District of Columbia, Marymount University, and Catholic University of America.

She is descended from three generations of African-American entrepreneurs: After President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, her great-grandmother sold pralines in New Orleans. Her grandmother began a secretarial business school in 1908 under the administration of President Theodore Roosevelt, during which time her grandfather also started an insurance company. In addition, Mrs. Doan's father began a business in rental property and farm management under President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mrs. Doan is actively involved in the business community through its participation in many trade associations, membership in business organizations and involvement in charitable community activities.