

NTID National Advisory Group Names Annette Reichman Government Liaison

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Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings has named Annette Reichman, director/liaison of the Office of Special Institutions for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services, as government liaison to the National Advisory Group for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology.

Comprising professionals concerned with education and technical training for deaf and hard-of-hearing students at the postsecondary level, the National Advisory Group advises NTID administrators on strategic planning, development, employment, marketing, and other relevant issues.

In her role with the Office of Special Institutions, Reichman works with NTID to develop and review goals, measures, and targets as a component of the president's annual budget request.

Reichman, of Silver Spring, Md., previously was chief of the Deafness and Communicative Disorders Branch, of the U.S. Department of Education, where she worked with state vocational rehabilitation agencies to promote employment opportunities for deaf, deaf/blind, late deafened, or hard-of-hearing youths and adults. She was project officer for two national Interpreter Training Programs federal grants and was primary liaison with the Social Security Administration on several legislative issues related to vocational rehabilitation consumers who are deaf.

She is a member of the Deaf-REACH Board of Directors and the Maryland Governor's Advisory Board on Telecommunications Relay. She has received the Outstanding Service Award from the Arizona Deaf Senior Citizens Coalition and the Eugene Peterson Service Award on Exceptional Direct Services to Low Functioning Deaf from the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Gallaudet University; a Master of Science degree in rehabilitation counseling with the deaf from the University of Arizona; and a post-baccalaureate certificate of completion from the Post-Employment Training Administration of Programs Serving Consumers who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing program from San Diego State University.

NTID is the first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. NTID, one of eight colleges of RIT, offers educational programs and access and support services to its 1,100 deaf and hard-of-hearing students from around the world who study, live and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus.

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