



Massachusetts Chapter
American Society for Public Administration

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cordially invite you to

*“Careers in Public Service
Panel Discussion and Networking Event”*

Thursday, November 20, 2014
MassHousing, One Beacon Street, Boston, 4th floor
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

A career in public service can be rewarding and challenging. Learn what employers look for and how you can improve your chances of landing the job you want. Be inspired by those in the field and hear about the career choices they have made. Network with others who share your interest in public service. Whether you are looking for your first job, planning a career change, or trying to build stronger personal connections in the field, this event is for you.

Panelists:

F. Daniel Ahern

President, The Clarus Group

Sandra E. Borders, MSM

*Director, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Ann Hess Braga

Compliance Officer, City of Boston

Francis Creedon

Managing Director of Administration, MassHousing

Moderated by:

Shirley Konneh, Seven Hills Foundation

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Speaker Bio:

Ann Hess Braga

Compliance Officer, City of Boston



Ann Hess Braga serves as the Compliance Officer for the City of Boston through the Office of Human Resources, where her responsibilities include developing and implementing programs around civil service, alcohol and drug policies and testing, ethics, residency and CORIs across city departments. Ann works with HR talent acquisition staff and city departments to increase opportunities for city residents to work with the City and improve the diversity of employees across the organization to reflect the city's population. Ann Braga has taught Urban Policy and Budget and Tax at the undergraduate and graduate level as well as

leading many trainings of HR related issues. She is a Board member of the MassASPA chapter and a past National ASPA Council member, currently serving on Finance and Governance Committees. She received her BA and MPA from the University of Connecticut, and her law degree, with honors, from Suffolk Law School while working full time.

F. Daniel Ahern

President, the Clarus Group (www.theclarusgroup.com)



For more than 30 years, his career has been devoted to strengthening performance, integrity, and accountability in the public and nonprofit sectors. His expertise spans a broad array of issues, including public and nonprofit management and governance, public procurement and privatization, and corruption prevention. Prior to co-founding Clarus Group, Dan served as the First Assistant Inspector General for Management in the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General, an independent state agency mandated to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government. He has also been a performance

auditor for the Virginia General Assembly, an independent consultant to state agencies in Massachusetts and Virginia, and an adjunct professor at Clark University and at Northeastern University. Dan is a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration, a Past President of the American Society for Public Administration, and a founder and Board member of the Association of Inspectors General. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern University.



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Francis Creedon

Managing Director of Administration, MassHousing



Frank Creedon is the Managing Director of Administration for MassHousing, a quasi-public authority of state government with an affordable housing mission. Frank oversees a variety of functions and teams at MassHousing including: Human Resources, Business Intelligence, Procurement, Facilities, and Strategic Planning. Frank began his career at MassHousing in 1982 as an Analyst in the Multifamily Development department. Frank studied architectural history and historic preservation planning at Syracuse and Cornell. Later, recognizing that his career would be in public service, he earned an MPA from

Northeastern.

Sandra E. Borders, MSM

Director, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



In April 2003, she became Director of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, responsible for the development and implementation of programs to support Governor's mandates of non-discrimination, affirmative action, equal opportunity, and diversity, under Executive Order 526. In her role as Director, Sandra builds partnerships with the public sector, private sector and non-profit organizations to share best practices and guidance to Executive Department Secretaries, Agency Heads, HR Directors, and Diversity Directors and Officers on Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity and Diversity. Sandra has lectured and conducted seminars on diversity and civil rights enforcement for various public and private sector organizations. Most recently she had the opportunity to serve as co-chair of the Governor's Model Employer

Initiative for People with Disabilities. Sandra holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Northeastern University and a Master of Science in Management from Eastern Nazarene College. In 2011, Sandra was the recipient of the Commonwealth's highest honor, the Eugene Rooney Jr. Public Service Award. Most recently she was the recipient of the Commonwealth's Governance in Equity Award for outstanding diversity efforts.