



Willie E. May

Dr Willie E. May earned his Ph. D. in Chemistry from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1977. He started his career working as a senior analyst at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant for three years prior to joining the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) (then the National Bureau of Standards) in 1971. He led research activities in analytical chemistry at NIST for more than 20 years.

He published more than 100 papers in peer-reviewed publication and gave more than 250 lectures at U.S. industrial sites, Colleges/Universities and Technical Meetings throughout the world.

He served as Director of NIST and Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology. As NIST Director, Dr May provided high-level oversight by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology.

His numerous honors include American Chemical Society Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Analytical Chemistry Award; Department of Commerce Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Awards; Arthur Flemming Award for Outstanding Federal Service; National Bureau of Standards (NBS) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Award; and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Percy Julian, and Henry Hill Awards for outstanding contributions in Chemistry.

On 9 May 2018, Dr Willie E. May took over the leadership of D-RED as Morgan State University new Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

Dr Willie E. May is the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) President-elect for 2024, followed by one year as AAAS President and one year as chair of the AAAS Board of Director.