



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

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Jeremy Rodgers
Chief Information Security Officer
Florida Digital Service
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Dear Jeremy Rodgers,

In accordance with Section 282.318(4)(a), Florida Statutes, effective January 1, 2025, I hereby designate Benita Byard to serve as the Information Security Manager (ISM) for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). As required by statute, Benita will report all IT security matters directly to me. However, for all administrative functions such as: leave approval and timesheet approval the ISM will report directly to the Department's CIO. Thus, in the People First system this position will report directly to the CIO. Benita's contact information is as follows:

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As ISM, Benita Byard, will be responsible for:

- Development of a strategic information security plan and associated operational information security plan;
- Development and implementation of FDACS information security policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines;
- Direct and manage the FDACS information security awareness program;
- Coordination of the FDACS information security risk management process;
- Coordination of the agency Computer Security Incident Response Team;
- Coordination of Information Technology Disaster Recovery planning in support of the FDACS Continuity of Operations Plan;
- Serving as the FDACS internal and external point of contact for information security matters;
- Reporting directly to the Chief Information Officer in all non-information security duties;
- Otherwise complying with applicable law for information security as well as the rules, policies, procedures, and best practices promulgated by the Florida Digital Service.

Sincerely,

Wilton Simpson
Commissioner of Agriculture