



Dr. Ann Kalayil Bureau Chief, Cook County, Bureau of Asset Management

Ann P. Kalayil serves as the Bureau Chief of Asset Management for Cook County government in Illinois. She oversees real estate management, capital planning and construction and facilities management for 19 million square feet of county workspace. Ann oversees an annual capital budget of \$259 million dollars, an operational budget of \$55 million and manages 550 employees.

Previously, Ann was an Obama appointee serving for six years as the first woman Regional Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration in the Great Lakes Region. As the agency's regional chief executive, she headed operations that supported federal agencies and the U.S. Courts in six states. Headquartered in Chicago, the Region has a workforce of more than 820 employees, an annual operating budget of approximately \$250 million, a building inventory of 35.3 million square feet, and an estimated \$4.07 billion in business volume. She also served as the first Digital Strategist for GSA's Workplace program, where she developed the framework of integrating technology in workplace design, <https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/total-workplace/technology>.

Prior to the GSA, Ann worked for more than 18 years at the University of Chicago in Information Technology Services. She's taught courses at DePaul University, Loyola University Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. She received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a bachelor's degree in computer science from Northeastern Illinois University, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ann serves on the Board at Presence St. Francis Hospital and the Illinois Community College Board. She is a founding-member and Secretary of the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership and President of the South Asian American Policy and Research Institute. Ann is a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow.