

## June 2010 Employee of the Month

Brenda Mills, Lead Planner- Federal & State Policy Division

Brenda is responsible for the successful completion of several crucial milestones for projects within the Everglades Restoration program. Her knowledge of policy matters; strong coordination skills and work ethic have resulted in a timely completion of State water reservations for two CERP projects. Brenda played a primary role in leading rulemaking efforts for the first water reservation ever adopted by the District for the protection of fish and wildlife. This water reservation was the first for the Picayune Strand and Fakahatchee Estuary, and by being the first there were a large number of technical, policy and legal issues.

These issues had to be addressed in a timely manner in order to keep the project on schedule. After successfully completing the Picayune Strand water reservation, Brenda moved on to lead the process for the District's second water reservation which was for the protection of fish and wildlife within the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in association with the CERP Indian River Lagoon-South project.

As a result of Brenda's efforts, the Corps provided written verification that the District's use of the restricted allocation area rules provides the necessary resource protections for the Site 1 project. Brenda has done an outstanding job in all of these areas.