**Vernie McLendon**

Vernie retired in 2004, after 37 years of service as a Supervisory Management Analyst with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service. He successfully developed and managed agency information systems, which are still used today. For years, Vernie served on the Agriculture Information Board that sets federal information standards along with the National Archives and other Federal government information managers. Vernie was an active member of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) from 1997 to 2005. ARMA is the international professional association that sets standards and guidelines for information management.

Vernie graduated from Bell’s Business school, 1965 and studied information management theories at Tuskegee Institute University, Howard University, University of MD, and American University. A resident of Silver Spring for 32 years, Vernie served 6 years as a member of the Montgomery County Recreation Advisory Board and received several commendation awards for his accomplishments. He became a member of the Silver Spring Village Board of Directors in 2016.