

## **KAREN BLANKS ELLIS**

Karen Blanks Ellis is Managing Director – Corporate and International Environmental Programs for FedEx Express (the airline in the FedEx Corporation enterprise). In this role, she provides strategic leadership to a team of experts that serve to integrate a wide variety of environmental initiatives into business decision making, manage environmental risk and regulatory compliance, and provide oversight for environmental sustainability programs at global FedEx Express locations.

Mrs. Ellis is currently serving a multi-year appointment by the City of Memphis Mayor to the Shelby County Solid Waste Regional Planning Board after concluding a 16 year-mayoral appointment to the Shelby County Ground Water Quality Control Board. She is also currently serving as the Vice Chairman of the Air Transport Association Environmental Council, as well as on the TN Chamber of Commerce Environment Committee. Mrs. Ellis formerly served on the Alaskan Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Committee and the Memphis Defense Depot Restoration Advisory Board during a military closure. Mrs. Ellis has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and lives in Memphis, TN with her husband and three children.