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Erin Searcy became the director of strategic planning and transformation for the Nuclear Science and Technology Directorate in August 2021. Erin has held a variety of roles since joining INL in 2008 as a research engineer. Before her current role, she was the director of institutional planning and programs, where she led INL's \$37 million Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) program, led the compilation of INL's Lab Plan and Lab Agenda, and oversaw research excellence activities. Prior to that role, Erin was the bioenergy technologies department manager, where she led a team of more than 30 researchers and scientists to address barriers to the efficient supply of quality, sustainable biomass feedstocks. She spent almost 3 years supporting the Bioenergy Technologies Office at the Department of Energy (DOE) headquarters in Washington, D.C., as a management and operations person employed by the INL. Prior to joining INL, she acted as a sessional instructor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alberta and as a consultant. She holds BS, MA, and PhD degrees in engineering.