



ETEBA BOTC 2019 Speaker Bios

Speakers and Presenters are Provided in Alphabetical Order by Last Name

J. Alex Agyemang (Small Business Liaison Officer – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS))

Alex Agyemang is the Small Business Liaison Officer for SRNS, the M&O prime contractor at the Savannah River Site, Aiken SC. He is responsible for managing, planning, directing, and monitoring the activities of the Small Business Program. He is also responsible for managing supplier relationships and all supplier development activities to ensure the successful completion of the SRS mission.

Prior to joining SRNS, Alex was a senior supply chain planning analyst with the Northrop Grumman Corporation. Some of his major projects were implementing Lean Six Sigma improvements in the pipe supply chain and leading the Category Management strategy for commodity procurements. He is an APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional.

Alex is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and a former Air Force officer.

Education:

Rochester Institute of
Technology
Executive Master of Business
Administration

United States Air Force
Academy
Bachelor of Science

APICS, Association for Supply
Chain Management
Certified Supply Chain
Professional (CSCP)

Awards:

Department of Energy (DOE) FY 2017 and FY 2018 Facility Management Contractor Small Business Program
Manager of the Year

DOE FY 2018 Mentor of the Year

DOE FY 2018 Director's Award for Excellence

2019 CVMSDC Coordinator of the Year

Northrop Grumman Corporate Contracts, Pricing, and Supply Chain Award

Top 40 Under 40 business leaders in Hampton Roads, Virginia

Debbie Batson (Director, Large/Small Business Strategic Alliances – Teledyne Brown Engineering)

Debbie Batson supports the Business Development and Acquisitions Organization within Teledyne Brown Engineering (TBE). She began this position in 2015 to execute marketing strategies and teaming opportunities to increase profitability, while building and managing relationships with potential customers and clients. She previously served as the Director, Business Management, for the Space Systems Business Unit, responsible for all internal and external financial reporting.

She currently serves in an appointed position on the Marshall Prime Contractor Supplier Council (MPCSC) and as the Chair for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC).

Education:

Tennessee Tech University
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Awards:

2004 Silver Snoopy Award
2007 Employee of the Year – Teledyne Brown Engineering
FY 2010 MSFC Small Business Advocacy Award
FY 2012 MSFC Small Business Leadership Award
FY 2017 MSFC Small Business Program Advocacy Award

Matthew J. Biasiny (Manager, Contracts and Technology Partnerships – Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL))

Matthew joined Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) in 2009 and has contributed in various divisions including Supply Chain Management, Contracts and the SRNL. He was appointed Manager of the SRNL Contracts and Technology Partnerships organization in 2016. He and his staff are responsible for the management of the SRNS & SRNL intellectual property portfolios as well as overseeing the negotiation and execution of all collaborative agreements. SRNL has approximately 500 researchers tasked by the Department of Energy with conducting research and development for the federal government and assisting the public, primarily in the areas of environmental management, national security, and clean energy. Matthew has overseen the execution of hundreds of agreements, both domestic and foreign, totaling over \$60M annually.

Matthew has over 15 years of experience in technology transfer, contract negotiation, global supply chain management, recruitment, and sales in both the government and commercial sectors.

In his spare time Matthew enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters and getting in the occasional round of golf.

Education:

Brenau University
Bachelor of Science, Human Resource Management
Masters of Business Administration

JoAnn Belt (SLS Integration Team Lead, SLS Program Office, and JSEG's Small Business Liaison Officer Jacobs Space Exploration Group (JSEG))

JoAnn has worked for Jacobs for 19 years and has held positions in Payload Operations, Business Development, Team Lead for the Flight Mechanics and Analysis Group, and Jacobs ESSSA Tuskegee University Liaison.

Education:

Athens State University

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics

Anne Marie Bird (Small Business Program Manager – U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management; and Acquisition Analyst in the Office of Contracting – DOE Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC), Cincinnati, OH)

Anne Marie Bird's role as the EM Small Business Program Manager, she is responsible for supporting and assisting DOE's Office of Environmental Management and DOE's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization in educating and advocating for small businesses and interfacing on behalf of small businesses with EM's acquisition professionals.

Education:

Bachelor of Science, Organizational Management

David Brock (Small Business Specialist – Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), Huntsville, AL)

In David Brock's role as small business specialist, he provides strategic guidance and direction in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the NASA Small Business Programs at MSFC and to the industry.

Mr. Brock entered the Federal sector in December 1984 when he joined the NASA family as a Procurement Analyst assigned to the Office of Procurement. He has been actively involved in the NASA Small Business programs for 32 of his 34 years of service.

Jennifer T. Caldwell (Group Leader, Technology Commercialization – Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), managed by UT-Battelle, LLC)

Jennifer Caldwell manages the Technology Commercialization Group which is responsible for intellectual property portfolio management, licensing, and technology transfer. Caldwell works closely with businesses in our community and nation-wide to bring emerging technologies from research institutions to the marketplace.

Prior to joining ORNL in 2006, Caldwell commercialized technology at Research Corporation Technology, Inc. (RCT) located in Tucson, AZ. RCT is a technology management company that licenses technology and invests in promising early-stage biomedical companies and innovations. She managed and licensed a technology portfolio concentrating in life sciences, biotechnology, and pharmaceuticals. Before pursuing a Ph.D., she was employed by EG&G Florida, Inc. at Kennedy Space Center as an Environmental Health Specialist. Her desire to see science and technology benefit communities is also reflected in her work with primary and secondary school aged children. Caldwell has dedicated herself to engaging young students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) activities by bringing hands-on demonstrations and science experiments to public school classrooms. Her community involvement also includes Junior Achievement, PTA Science Lab, and mentoring professionals entering the field of technology commercialization.

Jennifer T. Caldwell Continued...***Education:***

Florida State University (1994)

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry

University of Florida (2000)

Doctor of Philosophy, Chemistry (with emphasis in Biochemistry)

Awards:

Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer from the Federal Laboratory Consortium

2018 Award for Licensing ORNL's High-Performance, Low Cost Alloys to Eck Industries

2017 Award for SCIEX License of ORNL's Open Port Sampling Interface for Mass Spectrometry

2017 Award for Miniature Ion Mas Analyzer License by 908 Devices Inc.

2015 Recognition as Women @ Energy by the U.S. Department of Energy

2015 Awardee of the YWCA Tribute to Women in Business and Professional Leadership

2009 Award for ORNL's Surface Sampling Probe for Mass Spectrometry

Dennis Carr (Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS))

Dennis Carr is responsible for the safe execution of all management and operating functions at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS), including Savannah River National Laboratory and the Site's nuclear material operations, tritium operations, and waste management. He also leads SRNS integrated safety management, providing oversight, operational and safety leadership.

A Vice President with Fluor Corporation, Carr has 37 years of experience in the execution of government projects in D&D, waste management, environmental restoration, maintenance services, and nuclear operations. He has served in a variety of senior management capacities with Fluor supporting DOE facilities for more than 20 years.

During the past six years, he served as the Site Project Director and President of Fluor-BWXT, Portsmouth, at the \$2.5B Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant D&D Project. His responsibilities at Portsmouth included transition of the facility and its 2,000 person workforce from a private enterprise back to DOE as well as aligning the site's safety culture and management systems to DOE's Integrated Safety Management System.

Prior to the Portsmouth assignment, Carr was Project Director for the \$1.3B American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Project Portfolio at SRS from 2008–2010, safely achieving DOE footprint reduction and transuranic waste shipping objectives.

Carr was also responsible for day-to-day operations at the Fernald Closure Project, serving as Deputy Site Director from 2000 until final declaration of closure in 2006.

Education:

University of Cincinnati

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering

Xavier University

Master of Business Administration

Ronald Lee Casper (Procurement Manager – Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership (FRNP))

(Ron) Lee Casper started his career working for and eventually operating his own small business. While his days are now focused on managing procurement operations for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Paducah Site, those early years of experience working with small businesses helped him develop keen insight into the challenges that small business owners face. It has also given him a unique perspective on the positive impact that federal procurement contracts provide to both small business owners and the individuals who work within the five-county region that surrounds the Paducah Site.

Ron's practical experience allows him to engage in a diverse range of business management applications, from planning and organizing to managing a staff of 10 employees. Ron's current role is to execute strategies that help ensure FRNP's procurement practices are in compliance with the expectations and missional goals of DOE.

His passion for small business serves as a driver to involve local businesses in the procurement process, opening new doors to growth opportunities for business owners and workers in Western Kentucky. Ron has been a procurement mentor and champion for DOE prime contractors since 2008. His previous positions include Paducah Remediation Services, LLC Sub-contract Administrator; LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky, LLC Sub-Contract and Purchasing Supervisor; and Fluor Federal Services Sub-Contract Manager. He has also worked as an educator and small business owner.

Education:

Mid-Continent University

Bachelor of Arts, Christian Education and Biblical Studies

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering

Liberty University

Master of Business Administration

Dr. Eugene Cochran (Sr. Commercialization Manager – Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL))

Dr. Eugene Cochran's focus is on intellectual property management and technology commercialization.

Cochran has over twenty-seven years of experience in the field of technology transfer and early-stage venture development. Early in his career, he served as a Director within the Commercialization Group of Research Corporation Technologies (RCT). In this position, Cochran was responsible for the evaluation and commercialization of inventions in several fields including medical devices, biotechnology, physics, chemistry, materials, and instrumentation. He gained considerable exposure to a broad range of technologies and markets, demonstrating considerable success in licensing patents and starting early-stage venture companies.

Mid-career, Cochran served as a Sr. Licensing Associate at the University of Arizona's Office for Technology Transfer. While in that position Cochran provided assistance to the faculty in perfecting patent rights and helping to commercialize university based inventions. Also, at UA he was an Administrative Director, in a

large NSF Engineering Research Center (ERC), the Center for Integrated Access Networks (CIAN). As the Administrative Director, he assisted the Director in the management of an \$18.5M multi-institution budget.

Prior to becoming involved in technology commercialization he held past technical staff science positions at IBM, Perkin-Elmer, GCA/Tropel, and WYKO and has over eight years of experience in the design and development of optical systems.

Education:

PhD, Optical Sciences

MBA, Accounting and Finance

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Awards:

2015 Larry Dickens Technology Transfer Award
2016 UT-Battelle Significant Achievement Award -
Technology Transfer - Smart Smoke Detector
2017 UT-Battelle Significant Achievement Award -
Technology Transfer - Superhydrophobic Coatings
2017 FLC Award for Technology Transfer -
Superhydrophobic Transparent Glass Thin Film Innovation
License to Samsung
2017 FLC SE Award for Technology Transfer - Honorable
Mention - Large Additive Area Manufacturing
Technologies
2018 FLC Award for Technology Transfer - ORNL's Co-
Development and Licensing of Large Additive Area
Manufacturing Technologies
2018 FLC SE Award for Technology Transfer- ORNL
Qrypt Licensing of Quantum Random Number Generator
2019 FLC Award for Technology Transfer - ORNL Qrypt
Licensing of Quantum Random Number Generator

Patents:

E. Cochran, D. Cohen, and J. Ayres,
"Apparatus and Method for Automatically
Focusing an Interference Microscope," US
patent no. 4,931,630.
E. Cochran, D. Cohen, and J. Ayres,
"Apparatus and Method for Automatically
Focusing an Interference Microscope," US
patent no. 5,122,648.

Glenn Diener (Senior Project Manager – Atkins Nuclear Solutions, Columbia, MD)

With more than 25 years of experience, Glenn has completed dozens of small to medium sized first-of-a-kind projects that include design, fabrication, and operation of radioactive material handling, treatment and chemical process systems. He has extensive experience working closely with customers to identify solutions for their unique problems and managing the research, development, and technology projects to carry out that work.

Education:

University of Delaware
Bachelor's degree, Chemical Engineering
Registered Professional Engineer

Monika P. Doherty (Deputy Acquisition Services Manager – Bechtel National Inc.)

Monika has been with Bechtel for the past 12 years and is currently the Deputy Acquisition Services Manager on the Uranium Processing Facility project, a \$6.5 billion capital improvement project for the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oakridge, TN. In her current role she is responsible for all facets of acquisition including purchasing, subcontracts, expediting, field procurement, supplier quality, and compliance, as well as managing the procurement budgets.

Prior to joining the UPF team, Monika spent eight years at the Waste Treatment Plant project in Richland, WA, fulfilling a variety of Procurement roles culminating with the role of Area Project Procurement Manager. In the APPM role, she was responsible for leading her team in delivering \$70M of equipment and materials in support of the completion of the Low Activity Waste Facility. Prior to joining Bechtel, Monika spent 10 years working for an automotive supplier gaining broad experience in the various facets of fabrication. Additionally, she has worked for major companies including Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, a New York City law firm, Merrill Lynch Hubbard, an investment company, and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company within the Real Estate Investment group.

[Monika P. Doherty Continued on Next Page...](#)

Monika P. Doherty Continued...**Education:**

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration with a Marketing concentration
Certified Finance Paralegal

Norbert S. Doyle, MS, MBA (Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acting), Corporate Affairs and Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Project Management – Department of Energy)

Norbert S. Doyle began his current position in July of 2019, while continuing as the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Project Management, a position he has occupied since April 2018, both for the Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy, located in Washington, D.C. He also serves as the Head of the Contracting Activity.

Norb is responsible for project management oversight as well as the contract award and administration processes for all Environmental Management contracts. In addition to his acquisition and project management responsibilities, Norb now also oversees the budget process, communications, information technology, and human resources. The Office of Environmental Management awards almost \$7B of contracts annually and has projects valued at approximately \$20B in support of the world's largest clean-up program. He joined the Department of Energy in 2015.

Norb retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel in 2008.

Education:

U.S. Military Academy, University of Florida, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces

Jason Eaton (Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management – Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC)

Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC, is the company responsible for the management and operation of the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, TX, and the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, TN. Jason Eaton oversees the day-to-day procurement, material handling and delivery, and movement of items throughout the two sites and with other National Nuclear Security Administration sites.

Eaton has more than 20 years of experience in leading supply chain activities throughout the acquisition lifecycle, primarily supporting defense and intelligence missions. He played significant roles in setting up supply chain operations at both programmatic and corporate levels as well as being involved in some of the early planning for purchasing and supply chain management at the Air Force's Logistics centers.

Before joining CNS, Eaton served as the vice president and sourcing operations director for Leidos' Strategic Sourcing Group. He was responsible for all tangible goods and software procurement for the corporation's programs, as well as acquisition of all overhead requirements. He led a team who supported thousands of programs and requestors with an annual spend of almost \$800M.

Eaton's initial start in supply chain was as a contracting officer in the U.S. Air Force. He served in various bases and roles, including base construction and services contracts, and advisor on contracting policy for purchasing and supply chain management.

Education:

United States Air Force Academy
Bachelor of Science, Political Science

Air Force Institute of Technology
Master of Science, Strategic Sourcing

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Jason Eaton Continued...**Certifications:**

Defense Acquisition University
Level II, Contracting

Purchasing Manager

Ms. Nicki Fatherly, R.G (National Program Manager, Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) – U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D. C. Headquarters)

Since 2011, Ms. Fatherly has been responsible for the performance and congressional budget request development of a \$120M+ National program of sites impacted by low-level radiological wastes resulting from former Manhattan Engineering District and/or early Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) activities. Prior to her federal service, Ms. Fatherly served as a regulator with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on state and federal CERCLA cleanup sites.

Education:

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Bachelor of Science in Geology

Arizona State University
Master of Science in Environmental Technology

Tad Fox (Director of Applied Modeling – HGL)

Mr. Fox is a Licensed P.G. with over 29 years of experience managing and conducting hydrogeologic investigations at industrial, DoD, and DOE sites. He specializes in the development of conceptual site models representing key hydrogeologic features for complex sites, employing 3-D geospatial modeling, and visualization in their development and for stakeholder presentations and communication.

Stacey Francis (INL Small Business Program Manager – Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC, Idaho Falls, ID)

Stacey Francis is responsible to target, shape, and retain small businesses in support of the diverse mission areas of the laboratory. INL is one of the DOE's 10 multi-program national laboratories. The lab provides national leadership in the areas of nuclear energy, national security, and sustainable energy research.

Ms. Francis has over 25 years of experience in building relationships with key stakeholders and partners. She leads small business outreach for the lab and regularly participates in events to promote its mission and share opportunities for small business to engage the lab. Ms. Francis' depth of experience in marketing local small business and communicating with a variety of internal and external audiences has fostered a successful Small Business Program at INL.

Education:

Kansas State University
Bachelor of Science, Journalism, Mass Communications

Awards:

Department of Energy Secretarial Award for Facility Management Contractor Small Business Program Manager of the Year for fiscal year 2015

INL received of the Laboratory Director's Award for fiscal year 2017

Nestor E. Franco (Senior Technology Commercialization Manager – Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), managed by UT-Battelle, LLC)

Nestor Franco manages technologies originating from Environmental Sciences Division (ESD) and Material Science and Technology Division (MSTD). Through a variety of initiatives e.g. translational funding, entrepreneurial training/support, and partnership & project management, his role seeks and establishes technology-based partnerships with industry where companies, via a variety of mechanisms, acquire access to ORNL's inventions and use these as the basis for new innovative products and services.

Before his arrival to ORNL Technology Transfer Office, Nestor held technology licensing and technology analyst positions at Johns Hopkins University where he was charged with licensing and marketing inventions from schools of medicine, and engineering that included medical devices, medical imaging, surgical robotics, software, and materials. He also held a Marketing and Business Development manager position at University of Miami where his role was to support licensing growth by identifying high quality licensee prospects and qualifying their interest in licensing University's technologies.

With a combination of work experience and academic training in science and business, his goal is to support the development and commercialization of breakthrough innovations.

Education:

UCLA
PhD in Chemistry

University of Tennessee – Knoxville
MBA

Chris Fresquez (Small Business Program Manager – Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL))

Chris Fresquez has been an employee at LANL since 1991. During that time, he spent almost 20 years as either a Procurement Specialist or a Procurement Manager. He has been the Small Business Program Manager at LANL since 2013.

Chris grew up in the Espanola Valley in northern New Mexico, and is an avid wildlife observer, photographer, hunter, and fisherman. He volunteers time as a Hunter Education Instructor, Volunteer Firefighter, and Youth Shotgun Sports instructor where he specializes in the disciplines of Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand, and Sporting Clays. He also enjoys wood carving, creating Spanish colonial furniture, and gardening. He and his wife have been married 29 years, and have three children, a precious 7 year old grandson, and another grandson due to arrive in January of 2020.

Education:

New Mexico State University, 1984
Bachelors of Business Administration in Marketing

Certification in Purchasing Manager, 1997

Awards:

DOE Mentor of the Year

DOE Facility Management Contractor Small Business Program Manager of the Year

One of their Protégé companies received the DOE Protégé of the Year Award

LANL consistently achieves excellent ratings in the majority of their annual Small Business and Socioeconomic Business goals.

Greg Gonzales (Small Business Program Manager – National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Albuquerque, NM Complex)

Mr. Gonzales began his career with the U. S. Department of Energy at the Albuquerque Operations Office in 1983 and is a Level III Certified Contract Specialist.

In his current role, he provides nationwide field oversight of NNSA's Small Business Program at both the prime and subcontract level.

Education:

University Of New Mexico – Anderson School of Management
Bachelor's in Business Administration

Jeff C. Griffin, Ph.D. (Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Office of Environmental Management)

In Dr. Griffin's key leadership position for the \$7.2B Office of Environmental Management (EM) he has the overriding responsibility to support 16 EM field sites working across the Nation to clean up and safely disposition large volumes of nuclear waste, safeguard and prepare for disposition of nuclear materials, deactivate and decommission several thousand radiologically and chemically contaminated facilities, and remediate extensive surface and groundwater contamination.

Prior to joining EM, Dr. Griffin served as the Associate Laboratory Director for Environmental Stewardship at the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), where he held responsibility for the leadership and development of the SRNL portfolio in environmental cleanup, an \$80M+ portfolio covering support for EM, the DOE Office of Legacy Management, and other national and international programs. During Dr. Griffin's 30 years with SRNL, he served in many positions, primarily in the areas of high-level waste processing, radiochemistry, analytical chemistry, and nuclear materials measurements. He also served as managing director for SRNL support to Japanese remediation efforts in and around the Fukushima Daiichi Power Station.

Education:

Georgia Institute of Technology
Ph.D. in Nuclear Chemistry

Tim Griffin (Executive Director – ETEBA)

Tim Griffin is the Executive Director for the Energy, Technology and Environmental Business Association (ETEBA), a non-profit trade association comprised of approximately 150 corporate and affiliate members who provide high quality technological, environmental, and industry support services to a wide range of clients in both the public and private sectors. In this position, Mr. Griffin is the principle spokesman for the organization, and is responsible both for the day-to-day operations as well as for working in cooperation with the Board of Directors to set the strategic course for the association.

Prior to taking this position, Mr. Griffin was a Principal at Golder Associates Inc., a global geotechnical engineering and environmental consulting firm. Mr. Griffin began his career at Golder in 1989 in Richland, WA, where he worked on a variety of environmental cleanup and subsurface scientific research projects at Hanford, the Idaho National Laboratory, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Mr. Griffin transferred to Oak Ridge, TN, in 1994 to serve as office manager. From Oak Ridge he managed a wide variety of environmental, geotechnical, and research projects including geotechnical support for design and construction

Tim Griffin Continued...

of the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility, and subsurface microbiological research with the Subsurface Science Program through the Department of Energy's Office of Science. He also led business development initiatives for clients that included DOE, USACE, FEMA, and the states of TN and KY. In 2007 he transferred to Raleigh, NC, to manage Golder's North Carolina operations which included offices in Greensboro, Charlotte, and Raleigh. Mr. Griffin was a founding trustee and served ten years on the Board of the Golder Trust for Orphans, a non-profit charitable initiative that supports orphaned children through sustainable and income generating projects across seven African countries.

He is married to Tamara, a clinical social worker at the Duke University School of Nursing, and they have two remarkable daughters named Claire, a recent graduate from the University of South Carolina, and Anna, a senior at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

Education:

University of North Carolina – Wilmington
B.A. in Geology

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
M.S. in Geology

Eileen Hodges (Deputy for Small Business – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District)

With a background of working in small business enterprises, some of which have been in business for more than a century, Eileen Hodges is familiar with the workings of small and family-owned small firms. Since 1995 she has held positions from paralegal to contract specialist. Starting with the Corps in 2009, Hodges worked as a contract specialist throughout the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (a very busy year) and was working as a Level II Certified contract specialist prior to taking on the role of Deputy for Small Business early in 2016. As the Huntington District's small business specialist, she acts as small business advocate and interfaces on behalf of small businesses with the US Army Corps of Engineers Directorate of Contracting, contracting officers, and contract specialists, as well as Project Development Team members, including the technical specialists.

Her work is diverse, using market research to determine acquisition strategies and bringing qualified small firms to the attention of the project development team and technical element. In her role, Hodges is the point of contact for small firms wishing to make capabilities presentations, or even to learn how to become involved in the contracting process. Providing information, links, tips, and best business practices, she helps small businesses begin to tackle the process of working with the Corps.

Another aspect of the work is the outreach efforts. Hodges participates in several events, including The Huntington Small Business Conference hosted annually by the Huntington Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.), as well as the national S.A.M.E. small business conference. Events such as these provide great opportunities for small firms, large firms, and the Corps to connect, allowing partnering opportunities and building the bench of qualified small firms for the Corps of Engineers.

Education:

Marshall University – 1995
Bachelors' degree in Communication Studies

Jerrilynne Huffman (URS, a Division of AECOM, Huntsville, AL)

Jerrilynne Huffman supports the Facilities Operations and Maintenance FOMSS at the Marshall Space Flight Center. She has supported various contracts for the Facilities offices over the last 33 years. She is currently responsible for internal financial reporting and is a liaison between small business customers and the procurement department within AECOM. Currently, Jerrilynne serves as the Co-Chair on the Marshall Prime Contractor Suppliers Council (MPCSC). She has served with the council for over four years.

Education:

University of Alabama, Huntsville
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Michael Kane (Senior Waste Disposition Specialist – RSI-EnTech supporting UCOR)

Michael Kane has more than 30 years of experience in environmental and waste management primarily related to nuclear operations and remediation activities at U.S. Department of Energy facilities in Oak Ridge, TN, and Piketon, OH.

Currently Mr. Kane works as a Senior Waste Disposition Specialist with RSI-EnTech supporting UCOR, an AECOM-led partnership with Jacobs. In this role, he develops and supports implementation of disposition strategies for off-site commercial waste treatment and disposal.

Prior to joining the UCOR team, Kane managed waste characterization and technical support services for WESKEM, LLC under Bechtel Jacobs Company, LLC. At WESKEM, he worked to characterize and support the disposition of over 70,000 containers of low-level and mixed low-level legacy waste to meet regulatory and accelerated cleanup milestones. In the early 1990s, Kane helped establish environmental management programs at Y-12 where he started his career as well as the waste management program at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

Education:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bachelor's degree – Environmental Engineering

Tim Melberg (Supply Chain Manager, Supply Chain Management Organization –URS|CH2M Oak Ridge, LLC (UCOR))

Tim Melberg has more than 37 years of experience in managing several diverse technical and administrative programs and organizations, currently serving UCOR, the cleanup contractor at the East Tennessee Technology Park. Tim previously worked for CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC as the Director of Subcontracts, Procurement, Property, and Fleet Management at the Idaho Cleanup Project. While at the DOE Rocky Flats site in Colorado, Tim worked for Kaiser-Hill, LLC serving as the Manager and Project Chief Engineer for the Procurement Engineering and Quality Assurance group and as the Manager of the Procurement Systems organization.

From 1990 – 1999, he worked for the Department of Energy as a Director and Deputy Director for several technical organizations at the Rocky Flats Field office. Prior to 1990, Tim worked for the Department of Defense, as a nuclear engineer supporting the naval nuclear propulsion program at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in Hawaii.

Education:

University of Colorado
Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in
Management

Colorado State University
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical
Engineering

Tom Miniard (Operations Acquisition Manager – Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL))

Tom Miniard has worked in the Procurement Department at the Savannah River Site for 38+ years and has held various management positions including a one-year assignment in Moscow, Russia, as Procurement Manager in support of the Seversk Plutonium Production Elimination Project. Tom has been the SRNL Operations Acquisition Manager since March of 2014 and is responsible for the purchase of all goods and services necessary to support SRNL Research, Operations, and Maintenance activities.

Education:

Tennessee Technological University, 1977
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Kelly Mitchell (Department of Energy)

Kelly Mitchell is a political appointee who began her responsibilities within the Department of Energy's Office of Economic Impact and Diversity (ED) in April 2017. She provides advice to the Director on a number of key strategic priorities for ED, including, but not limited to working with ED's geographically diverse stakeholders to leverage synergies among minority businesses, minority institutions, and the energy workforce to promote economic vitality and to protect DOE's national security interest by expanding collaborations and partnerships across the DOE complex and with external stakeholders; to increase awareness and commitment to the principals of equity and diversity.

Kelly has lived in Michigan her entire life, growing up in rural Thetford Township. She has been elected and served in multiple county, district, and state level positions. In 2016, Kelly was elected as one of 16 members of Michigan's Electoral College, the same year she was appointed by President Trump to the U.S. Department of Energy's Transition Team.

Kelly is utilizing her experiences to help ensure that policies and programs of the Department of Energy positively impact minority rural and urban communities.

Josh Mullen (Government Contracts Attorney – Baker Donelson)

Josh Mullen focuses his practice in the area of government contracts and commercial litigation. Since 2014, he has been recognized as a Mid-South Rising Star in the area of Government Contracts by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Mr. Mullen advises government contractors regarding compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and agency-specific acquisition regulations, government investigations, business structure and formation issues under the SBA small business regulations and has represented clients in multiple bid protests before the Government Accountability Office (GAO), state procurement departments, municipal governments, and in court.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, he served as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. to a United States Congressman from Tennessee. Josh is licensed to practice in Washington, D.C., TN, and several Federal courts. For further information, please review the following link: www.bakerdonelson.com/Joshua-A-Mullen

Jay Mullis (Manager, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management – Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM), U.S. Department of Energy)

John Arthur (Jay) Mullis II was selected to his position in November 2017. He is responsible for safely executing the environmental cleanup of the 32,400-acre Oak Ridge Reservation which entails successfully managing the cleanup of the East Tennessee Technology Park, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the Y-12 National Security Complex. Specifically, Mullis oversees environmental cleanup and stewardship, decontamination and decommissioning activities, waste processing and management, surveillance and maintenance programs, historic preservation efforts, and procurement and contract functions.

Before serving as the Manager, he began serving as OREM's Deputy Manager in February 2015. In this capacity, he helped direct and support the office's division directors and federal project directors to ensure federal oversight and progress conducting environmental cleanup across the Oak Ridge Reservation. He began serving as the Acting Manager in October 2016.

Prior to his selection as Deputy Manager, he was the Acting Deputy Manager and Director of the Engineering, Safety and Quality Division for OREM. Additionally, Jay led the SEB that resulted in the award of the UCOR contract. Jay has more than 30 years of federal service. He completed extensive training and was qualified as a Nuclear Engineer while working for the Navy at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and has been a fully certified Facility Representative for the DOE. His experience consists of approximately nine years working in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion program at Charleston Naval Shipyard with the balance of his service working for DOE in various assignments related to environmental restoration, decontamination and decommissioning, and waste management activities. He has led or been a member of numerous audits and assessments, including Conduct of Operations and Conduct of Maintenance assessments, and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of South Carolina.

Education:

The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina
Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering

Susan L. Nicholson (Procurement Analyst, Chief, Small Business – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District)

Susan Nicholson joined the Nashville District in March of 2019, and her primary responsibility is to ensure that small businesses receive the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in USACE acquisitions. Susan has a broad knowledge of Federal Contract Law and Acquisition Management. Her career spans more than 30 years as a Contracting Officer, both as Active Duty Air Force and as a Federal Civilian. Prior to her arrival to the Nashville District, she served with the Defense Contract Management Agency, Lockheed Martin, (DCMA-LMO) in Orlando, FL, providing strategic leadership to teams of Government Contracting professionals administering contracts for major defense programs valued in excess of \$26B. From 2012 to 2014, she served as the Deputy Assistant Director for the Contracting staff, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Agency in Orlando, FL, providing sound contracting advice to the Offices of Professional Responsibility, Principle Legal Advisor and Education and Training. Additionally, she held numerous roles with the Department of Veterans Affairs and was promoted to the Deputy Network Contracts Manager in 2010. She led acquisition teams procuring healthcare, construction and leasing agreements for seven of the Nation's largest VA Medical Centers across Florida and Puerto Rico. She also provided Presidential Support Duty, as Chief, Acquisition Management, White House Communications Agency, Washington DC where she negotiated contracts for voice, data and other telecommunications for the President, Vice President and White House Staff.

Susan is Level III Certified in Contracting, and a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps. She is also a certified leadership speaker, trainer, and coach.

Todd Overman (Government Contracts)

Todd R. Overman is chair of the firm's Government Contracts practice, and is based in Washington, DC. Todd has more than 15 years of experience advising companies on the unique aspects of doing business with the federal government. Todd's practice includes a combination of regulatory and compliance advice, M&A support, bid and size protests, and litigation and dispute resolution. He advises companies of all sizes on SBA's small business programs and has particular experience in formation of joint ventures under SBA's All Small Mentor Protégé Program.

Mike Paulus (Director, Technology Transfer – Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL))

Mike Paulus has led the ORNL Technology Transfer Office leaders and laboratory scientists to translate ORNL inventions into commercially successful products. ORNL has more than 150 active technology licenses.

Prior to joining the ORNL Technology Transfer Office, Mike served as Vice President of Product Management with Siemens Molecular Imaging, where he and his team were responsible for defining the product portfolio for this world-wide market leader in clinical PET and SPECT diagnostic imaging. He also served as co-founder and CEO of ImTek, Inc, an ORNL spin-out and market leader in laboratory animal x-ray CT imaging before its acquisition by CTI, Inc, and Siemens. He has 19 years of experience as a research and development engineer with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, CTI, Georgia Tech and The United States Air Force, where he served as a commissioned officer. He has co-authored more than 100 peer reviewed publications, book chapters, and conference proceedings and holds 14 patents.

Education:

University of Tennessee

PhD in Electrical Engineering

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering

University of Dayton

Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering

Warren Richey (Customer Service Director (CSD), Region 4 Customer Accounts and Stakeholder Engagement, Southeast Sunbelt Region, Federal Acquisition Service)

Warren serves the State of Tennessee within GSA's Federal Acquisition Service. He excels at working with Federal, State, and Local government agencies and business leaders in different organizations to facilitate change and acceptance of new approaches. He has worked closely with many Federal Agencies – Departments of the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force; Civilian Agencies – NASA, DOE and VA along with the States of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee. As a champion of change, he has implemented Lean Six Sigma concepts in several custom-process improvement adventures. He is a noted speaker and travels among GSA Regions educating government contracting staffs and business professionals on purchasing solutions.

Prior to becoming a CSD, Warren served 26 years in the Air Force. His last assignment was the Director of Operations for Southern California and Arizona for the Air Force Recruiting Service. Other assignments were Aircraft Maintenance Scheduling Specialist assigned to Hurlburt Field, FL and Hahn Air Base, Germany.

Warren lives in Crossville, TN.

Education:

University of Phoenix

Master of Business Administration

Covenant College

Bachelors of Science in Organizational Management

Graham Rossano, PE (Division Director – US ITER, Technical Services Division)

Graham Rossano is responsible for the technical systems which the USIPO is providing for the ITER project.

Graham has over 35 years of direct experience with power plants. He has operated power plants through a variety of conditions while serving in the U.S. Navy and has designed technical solutions matched to customer needs ranging from small boilers to large merchant power plants.

Graham has been involved in every stage of a power plant's life and has executed the detailed design necessary to deliver a quality project. His scope of responsibilities has ranged from individual components to the entire plant. Design products have included system design, system descriptions, calculations, specifications, bid review, vendor selection and coordination, piping including support thereof, and coordination between disciplines. He has been directly involved in the execution of projects and has worked closely with construction personnel on projects ranging from complete 1,000 MW power plants to minor modifications for existing facilities. He has been directly responsible for the startup and commissioning of projects and has also trained the owner's staff in the proper operation of equipment and systems. Graham has been Chief Engineer and has operated power plants through a variety of conditions. He has been responsible for staffs ranging in size up to 500 personnel.

In addition to serving in the U.S. Navy, Graham has worked for Stone & Webster and its successor companies, and most recently for TerraPower as the JV Engineering Manager supporting the development of a Generation IV, liquid sodium cooled fast reactor in China.

He is a registered Professional Engineer in AZ, CA, MA, MD, NE, and SC.

Education:

US Naval Academy

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Naval Postgraduate School

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Ashley H. Saunders (Chief of Staff – UCOR)

Ashley H. Saunders is responsible for coordinating the resources required to deliver the President's operational vision and support achievement of DOE-related corporate goals and missions. She leads the company's relationships with its diverse stakeholders, including community organizations and elected officials. She also oversees the External Affairs, Communications and Community Affairs Office; Administrative Professional Services; and Government and Stakeholder Interface.

Ashley joined UCOR in 2015 as Government & Stakeholder Relations Manager. Her work included activities and strategies to strengthen existing relationships and foster new alliances with government officials and stakeholders at all levels.

In September 2016, she assumed the role of External Affairs, Communications & Community Programs Manager—directing internal and external communications as well as the company's community advocacy program.

Prior to joining UCOR, Ashley served as Program Director for the East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC), where she worked with other organizations, elected officials, and businesses in Knox, Anderson, Roane, and Blount counties to promote the values and impact of ETEC membership through weekly meetings, member orientations, member communication, and community involvement.

She was also a Communications Graduate Assistant at the Y-12 National Security Complex, where she wrote and edited publications and led internal campaigns for the Technology Transfer organization.

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Education:

University of Tennessee
Bachelor of Arts – Communications

Previous Positions:

UCOR Oak Ridge, Tennessee External Affairs,
Communications & Community Programs Manager

East Tennessee Economic Council Oak Ridge,
Tennessee Program Director

UCOR Oak Ridge, Tennessee Government and
Stakeholder Relations

Y-12 National Security Complex Oak Ridge,
Tennessee Communications Graduate Assistant

Prasoon Sinha (Chief Digital Officer – Arcadis, North American Operations)

Over the last 18 years in Prasoon’s professional career, he has served in many roles from a traffic engineer to management consultant to business development executive to, most recently, the digital transformation lead. In his current role, Prasoon and his team focus on empowering staff and clients with relevant digital customer experience supported by new mindset and digital technologies.

Prasoon currently lives in Atlanta with his family.

Education:

University of Minnesota
Master of Intelligent Transportation System

Susan Stein (Acquisition Services Manager Group Lead for Capital Procurement – LANL)

Susan Stein accepted her current position in May 2019. Susan started her career at the other end of the nuclear business as a geotechnical engineer on the development of a uranium mine in northern Saskatchewan – a location where northern lights were a nightly show. However, playing in the dirt proved to be much less exciting than planning a project and watching it built in the field, so Susan joined Fluor Corp. in project contracts and procurement. Over the next many years Susan traveled the U.S. and abroad working on construction projects for oil and gas, mining, smelters, telecom, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, and DOE government facilities while enjoying every minute. Along the way, she raised two daughters with wonderfully broad perspectives and now has two grandsons who are the light of her life. Susan is excited to be a part of the challenges that LANL will face over the next five years and the many projects they will be constructing.

Diane Sterling (Small Business Liaison Officer (SBLO) – The Boeing Company)

Diane supports two major programs, the Space Launch System (SLS) and Missile Weapon Systems (MWS), in addition to her role advocating small businesses in all areas across the Boeing enterprise. Diane has spent her 30-year career helping small business as a city planner, economic developer, and even owning her own company. Today, she is one of the team focals for developing and advocating HUBZone suppliers with Boeing. Blending her professional expertise with her academic career, Diane can recognize and apply the requirements of small businesses, industry best practices, and the goals of The Boeing Company to strategize, advocate, and support small and diverse businesses in all Boeing’s programs.

Education:

Cal Poly

Auburn University

Florida Institute
Technology

Northcentral University

Undergraduate degree,
City and Regional
Planning

Economic
Development
Certificate

MBA w/honors, focus on
contracting and
acquisitions

(Currently) Ph.D. w/4.0
avg in Business
Administration

Cassandra McGee Stuart (Manager, Small Business Program – Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL))

In FY18, ORNL placed 60% of its subcontracts with small businesses, totaling more than \$315M. The laboratory has won several awards for its small business advocacy and outreach, and efforts in small business utilization. ORNL received the DOE OSDBU Director's Excellence Award in 2018, as well as the Champions of Veterans Enterprise Award from the National Veteran Small Business Coalition.

Stuart has held several management positions throughout her career and owned a small consulting business. She has worked in PR, business development, and as a TV news anchor/reporter. She serves on the boards of the East TN Foundation, Alzheimer's Tennessee, and the City of Knoxville's Diversity Business Advisory Committee.

Education:

UT, Knoxville

Bachelor of Science

Colorado State University

Master of Science

Lincoln Memorial University

Doctor of Business Administration

Nelson Walter, PE, PMP, LEP, LSP

Mr. Walter is a Program Manager and Principal Engineer with over 25 years of remediation and D&D experience. Nelson's technical background includes extensive experience with remediation of chemically and radiologically contaminated sites and has completed projects with regulatory oversight from multiple agencies including the NRC, EPA, and state agency oversight. His site cleanup experience includes mercury, other chemicals, and radiological contamination in sediment, soil, and buildings.

Mr. Walter is a Professional Engineer licensed in six states, a Project Management Professional, a Licensed Environmental Professional in Connecticut and a Licensed Site Professional in Massachusetts. He is also the president of the Environmental Professionals of Connecticut (EPOC) organization.

Dr. Aaron L. Washington, II (Principal Scientist and former Manager – Advanced Characterization and Processing (ACP) group at SRNL)

As of April 2009, Dr. Washington joined ACP at SRNL, and is currently involved with material development for multiple applications including radiological sensors, nuclear waste storage, additive manufacturing for nuclear material disposal, nuclear Deactivation & Decommissioning (D&D), organic based nuclear sensors, and nuclear waste treatment strategies. Additionally, he recently led a group with three post-doctoral researchers (three former postdocs are now full time), seven peer PhD scientists, a bachelor's scientist, three managers, and two – four interns in interdisciplinary research and program development. Dr. Washington has more than 20+ peer reviewed manuscripts, 30+ technical reports, and more than 15 presentations at national conferences and meetings. Dr. Washington also has six patents issued and five additional patents currently in process.

Dr. Washington currently serves on multiple committees both at SRNL and in the Aiken community. This includes the former Board of Directors Chairman and current member for Habitat for Humanity. He is also an Adjunct Professor at USC Aiken in the chemistry department.

Education:

University of Florida – 2004

Bachelor's degree – Chemistry

PhD in Inorganic Chemistry with specialization in material science

Awards and Certifications:

2014 Laboratory Director's Award for Early Career Exceptional Achievement

2016 Laboratory Director's Award for Exceptional Achievement

2017 Project Management Professional (PMP) certification

Kerry Webb (Sr. Manager of Supplier Management – SAIC, NASA Integrated Services (NICS) Program)

In his role, Kerry oversees the acquisition of products and services integral to SAIC's support of NASA's communications infrastructure. Kerry has 20+ years' experience in the Information Technology industry in systems & network administration and architecture. In recent years, Kerry has incorporated his technical background into supplier management roles working in Subcontracts, Procurement and Carrier Management.

Ryan Williamson (Small Business Program Manager – Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC (NWP))

Ryan Williamson has supported the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) for the past six years. He has a demonstrated commitment to helping small businesses become successful vendors at WIPP; since serving in his current position, NWP has surpassed its small business subcontracting goals each year.

Ryan first worked at WIPP in the NWP communication's department. In this capacity, he developed both internal and external communications and worked with state and federal legislators, business leaders, media representatives and other stakeholders. He was responsible for the expansion of WIPP's communications through the use of social media platforms.

Before working at WIPP, Ryan was employed by URS Corporation's Engineered Products Division (EPD). After working at EPD for several years in Business Development, he was promoted as the Business Development Manager where he guided the sales, marketing, estimating, and other business development related functions for the manufacturing arm of the business.

Ryan is active in his community and church and is a member of the Rotary Club of Carlsbad and the Elks lodge. He enjoys working with the youth of Carlsbad and has coached Little League teams for the past eight years.

Education:

New Mexico State University
Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Business Administration

Jan Zeigler (Customer Service Director (CSD), Region 4 Customer Accounts and Stakeholder Engagement, Southeast Sunbelt Region, Federal Acquisition Service)

Jan serves in the states of South Carolina, and Savannah and Ft Stewart, GA, for GSA's Federal Acquisition Service. She has worked over 25 years with Federal, State, and Local government agencies and business leaders in different organizations to facilitate as a "Solution Provider" and "Trusted Advisor" in solving all acquisitions and requisitions. She continues to work strategically with many Federal Agencies – Departments of the Army, Army Corp of Engineers, and Air Force; Civilian Agencies – DOE and the Veterans Administration.

Jan currently resides in Sumter, SC supporting the growth of her local community.

Education:

Central Carolina College
Associate Degree in Business Management

George Washington University
Master certificate in Government Contracting
Master Certificate in Project Management