



## *Biography*

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### **Dr. Erin Searcy**

*Acting Deputy Laboratory Director for Science and Technology and Chief Research Officer*

Dr. Erin Searcy is the acting deputy laboratory director for Science and Technology and chief research officer at Idaho National Laboratory. Prior to this role, she served as the chief technology officer for the laboratory's Nuclear Science and Technology directorate. In this role, Erin led a variety of strategic and technology deployment activities and engagements across the lab, with the Department of Energy, industry and universities.

Prior to this role, she was the director of strategic planning and transformation for the Nuclear Science and Technology directorate. From 2018-21, Erin was the director of Institutional Planning and Programs, where she led INL's \$37 million Lab Directed Research and Development program, led the compilation of INL's Lab Plan and 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 three years supporting the Bioenergy Technologies Office at Department of Energy headquarters in Washington, D.C., as a technical advisor employed by INL. Prior to joining the laboratory, she acted as a sessional instructor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alberta and was a consultant. She holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in engineering.