

Rebecca (Becky) Nikolic selected as Director of Science and Technology Institutional Assessments

I am pleased to announce the selection of Rebecca (Becky) Nikolic as Director of Science and Technology Institutional Assessments reporting to the Deputy Director for Science & Technology (DDST), effective September 10, 2023. Becky will serve as a member of the DDST Senior Management Team with responsibilities to evaluate and promote the Laboratory's science, technology, and engineering (ST&E) capabilities and accomplishments while developing and guiding initiatives to advance the reputation and stature of the Laboratory. In this position, Becky will have responsibility for DDST's submission into the Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan (PEMP) process, emphasizing the quality and relevance of LLNL's scientific and engineering people, foundations, and accomplishments. Becky will also provide management, oversight, and execution of the Laboratory's Institutional Assessment Program including the ST&E peer review process.

Becky has been at the Lab for 21 years and worked in multiple organizations at the Laboratory. Most recently, Becky served numerous roles within the Global Security Directorate including Deputy Program Manager for Energy and Homeland Security, Point of Contact for Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD), and Representative for the Innovation and Partnerships Office. Previous roles included serving as an Associate Program Leader for Nuclear Threat Reduction Program within the Global Security Directorate and a Group Leader within the Center for Micro and Nano Technology within the Engineering Directorate.

Becky earned a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, San Diego, and a certificate in national security affairs from Texas A&M University. She has published widely in the area of semiconductor materials and devices, spanning application areas including communications, detection, and energy technologies.

I want to acknowledge Terry Land, the outgoing Director of Science and Technology Institutional Assessments, for her years of dedicated service in this role as well as her successful career at the Laboratory. I value her significant contributions across multiple mission areas, and her commitment to ensuring continuity in the Institutional Assessment Program while transitioning into her retirement.

Please join me in welcoming Becky to her new role and thanking Terry for her steadfast leadership.

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Deputy Director
Science & Technology