

Biographical information for  
Michelle Wiest

Ms. Wiest has more than 30 years of progressive leadership experience in the Department of Energy (DOE) Management and Operating Contractor environment. She has provided leadership and management in various contract and supply chain functional areas. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies, both from the University of Idaho. Ms. Wiest is from Idaho Falls, where she lives now with her husband and two boys.



Ms. Wiest is currently the director of Acquisition and Contracts Management at Idaho National Laboratory (INL). In this role, she provides leadership, oversight and direction to laboratory managers and staff regarding all aspects of contract management processes and functions. Her current responsibilities include oversight for execution of acquisitions, Prime Contract management, and contracts that facilitate performance of work by INL personnel for external clients. She identifies strategic supply chain opportunities and provides critical leadership and guidance on executing tactical initiatives to obtain strategic outcomes; she also serves as an advisor to senior laboratory management on significant contract issues that could potentially impact laboratory fee or performance. Her development and integration of enterprise-wide requirements into policies, procedures and governance has resulted in maintaining a DOE-approved purchasing system. She plays a vital role in collaborating with DOE-ID, DOE-Headquarters, Battelle Corporate and other national laboratories to benchmark supply chain systems and identify and implement best practices.

Ms. Wiest is an active participant in DOE complex-wide committees and is currently on the Procurement Evaluation and Re-engineering Team (PERT) Steering Committee. PERT is chartered by both the DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Senior Procurement Executives and provides support related to procurement system reviews, procurement process improvement, knowledge management, training, performance measurement and management, and related business management initiatives. Through these complex-wide teams, Ms. Wiest has developed recommendations for implementing complex-wide acquisition policy and standards. Additionally, she has developed strong relationships with key contracting professionals and has gained valuable insight into other laboratories' cultures and processes.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Wiest held a variety of leadership positions within Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company, and EG&G Idaho, Inc.