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Executive Director

Office of Innovation & Collaboration



Ms. Julie Brewer assumed her current role as the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Collaboration (OIC) in January 2022. OIC is located within the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) and provides DHS Components and the Homeland Security Enterprise (HSE) with access to cutting-edge technology and high-impact solutions through partnerships. OIC oversees R&D efforts through the Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, Industry Partnerships, International Partnerships, Office of National Laboratories, and University Programs.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Brewer served as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Chief of Staff for DHS S&T. As the Chief of Staff, Ms. Brewer oversaw the operational and organizational needs of the \$1 billion, 500-career-employee Directorate and served as an S&T adviser to the Secretary's office and as a principal adviser to the Under Secretary on strategy, policy, organizational development, communications and planning.

Ms. Brewer served as the Director of the Office of National Laboratories (ONL) from 2018 to 2021. Ms. Brewer oversaw the operations and utilization of a centralized laboratory-based Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) function for DHS through a network of five in-house laboratories, along with access to auxiliary laboratory capabilities inclusive of the Department of Energy National Laboratory system. She also oversaw the construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), which will carry on the mission of PIADC once fully operational.

Prior to that, Ms. Brewer was the Deputy Director of the NBAF Program Executive Office, a position she held from 2014 to 2018. In this role her responsibilities included the planning, construction and

operation of a state-of-the-art bio-containment facility for the study of foreign animal, emerging and zoonotic diseases that threaten the U.S. animal agriculture and public health. When fully operational,

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NBAF will provide the nation with critical capabilities to conduct research, develop vaccines and other counter-measures, as well as train veterinarians in

preparedness and response against these diseases.

Ms. Brewer began her career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force where she served as a civil engineer leading numerous flights, serving as a Wing Executive Officer, and deploying in theatre to lead bed down operations. In 2007, Ms. Brewer began her work with DHS as a contract program analyst and then joined the civil service in 2010 as the NBAF Construction Project Manager. Over 23 years she has served in the military, worked in the private sector, and held various leadership positions within the civil service. Ms. Brewer earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University and a Master of Engineering Management from Oklahoma State University. She is a Level III Certified Acquisition Professional.