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Lee Cheatham has an extensive track record of leadership in advancing science, technology, and commercialization in the DOE laboratory system, academia, and private industry. He joined Pacific Northwest National Laboratory as Director of Technology Deployment and Outreach in 2017, focusing on industrial partnerships to expand the impact of PNNL's science and technology.

Before joining PNNL, he launched and led Brookhaven National Laboratory's Office of Strategic Partnerships, where he expanded and diversified the lab's research portfolio and oversaw technology commercialization and economic development. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer and General Manager of Commercialization for the 500-person Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University. Before that, Lee served as Executive Director of the Washington Technology Center, connecting businesses with research institutions in the state. Lee began his professional career at PNNL as a computer science researcher and manager, including leading a \$40M/year nationwide DOE-industry cooperative research project.

In the private sector, he launched businesses in commercialization consulting and software sales. Notably, he served as Vice President, Worldwide Engineering for a software company serving a majority of US libraries as well as globally.

Lee holds three degrees in electrical engineering: a Ph.D from Carnegie-Mellon University, an MS from Washington State University, and a BS from Oregon State University. He currently serves on the National Science Foundation Director's Business and Operations Advisory Committee.