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Previously at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), he was the Acting Executive Director and Principal Deputy Director of the Office of Policy, as well as a Senior Advisor in the Office of Science.

Before that, Solan was an executive at a multi-institutional research consortium and directed a research institute at Boise State University. He was the Principal Investigator or Co-PI for energy research awards from the National Science Foundation, the International Atomic Energy Agency, DOE, state governments, non-profits, and industry.

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He has long-time experience in Federal government service outside of DOE. At the House of Representatives, he was a staffer for the Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, and a Legislative Director for a Member of Congress. He also served at the Environmental Protection Agency as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Administrator and to the Office of Research and Development on energy issues.

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