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Leadership Transition in the Office of the Deputy Director for Science Programs

To: All Office of Science Federal and Contractor Staff
From: Cherry Murray, Director, Office of Science

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you of a transition in the position of the Deputy Director for Science Programs (SC-2) in the Office of Science (SC).

Earlier this year, Pat Dehmer advised me of her intent to retire from Federal service in November. As you know, she has served as SC-2 for the past nine years and as Acting Director of SC for about a third of that time. She established and staffed the SC-2 office following the reorganization of SC in 2007, and, over the course of her tenure, hired all of the current Associate Directors and Office Directors that report to SC-2. Prior to her service as SC-2, Pat served for 12 years as the Director of the Office of Basic Energy Sciences, where she is widely known for a remarkable campaign of construction of scientific user facilities and major instrument suites and for the creation and execution of the first dozen or so Basic Research Needs Workshops that eventually spawned the Energy Frontier Research Centers.

I consider one of Pat's most important accomplishments to be the creation and staffing of the SC-2 office, which now directs program activities that transcend what individual offices themselves are able to do. With more than a dozen SC and DOE working groups, this office now oversees a host of activities including user facility data collection and analysis, metrics, and policies; the impacts of research and facility investments through data analytics; international agreements; and the management of SC and DOE prizes and awards. This work, particularly on data analytics, must continue and SC must be an early adopter of new concepts and tools as they become available.

I am very pleased now to inform you that Steve Binkley, currently the Director of the Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, will begin as the new permanent Deputy Director for Science Programs immediately following Pat's retirement. Steve is ideally suited for this position by virtue of his background in positions of leadership in DOE including in NNSA, the Department of Homeland Security, and Sandia National Laboratories; his broad and deep knowledge of the Office of Science programs and laboratories; his wide interagency and intra-DOE collaborations and experiences; and his personal knowledge of high performance computing, data analytics, networking, and cybersecurity. Over the past year, Steve has been SC's lead in the Exascale Computing Initiative, a key aspect of the administration's 2015 National Strategic Computing Initiative, which will deliver a capable exascale computing program, emphasizing sustained performance on relevant applications and data-analytic computing in support of SC and DOE missions. As a result of his leadership of this multibillion

dollar program, Steve also brings to SC-2 a keen understanding of large and complex project management.

I know that you will join me in working with Pat and Steve over the coming weeks to ensure a seamless transition in leadership. Come November 10th, Pat's last day in the office, we will wish her well in her post-DOE endeavors, and we will welcome Steve to his new role as SC-2.