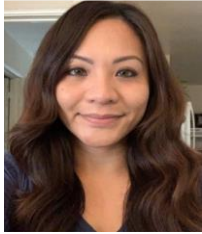


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Speaker Biographies



Doreen Agbayani is a Sr. Subcontract Administrator at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory located in Menlo Park, CA. She has been with them since 2018. Doreen mainly handles construction projects for the Facilities and Operations department. She works closely with project managers, project engineers, operations, finance, users and other team members necessary for the delivery and success of a project from start to completion. She negotiates with general contractors to achieve best price, schedule, and contractual terms. Doreen has over 10 years of experience in procurement / supply chain management which includes her previous experience working at Space Systems Loral and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Grace Bayemi is a native of Cameroon (Central Africa) and has been in her role of Senior Subcontracts Administrator at LBNL since 2020 where she enjoys the federal government environment and the collaboration with various stakeholders in fulfilling LBNL's mission. Prior to working at LBNL, she worked in procurement at the Naval Nuclear Laboratory in New York State. Additionally, she has experience working in contract management in the private sector (oil and gas, construction).



Jon Benjamin is the Small Business Program Manager at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Managed and operated by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has a mission of strengthening the United States' security through development and application of world-class science and technology. As the Small Business Program Manager, Jon works with LLNL program staff and buying teams to identify opportunities for small businesses to compete for subcontracts. Jon acts as an advocate for small businesses and a liaison between LLNL and the small business community.



Nicole Colley is the Operation Strategy Manager for the Supply Chain Management department with SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory located in Menlo Park, CA. Nicole oversees the Small Business and Supplier Diversity Program, Operational functions of Supplier Administration and ERP Purchase Order Closeout, Department Training, and Department Web Communications, for the past 18 months. Prior to SLAC, Nicole held various positions in procurement / supply chain management in the oil and gas and financial services industry including leadership positions in vendor and contract management and category management.



Janice R. Greene, PhD - President and CEO WBEC Pacific, retired after a successful career with The Boeing Company. For 20 years, she led supplier diversity strategy, economic development, and business intelligence. Dr. Greene maintained strategic alliances with domestic and international agencies and external providers to support supply chain inclusion strategies. In addition to expertise in the supply chain, she has over 15 years of experience in manufacturing and operations.

In August 2017, Dr. Greene assumed the role of President and CEO of WBEC Pacific, an exciting opportunity to pursue her passion for economic development for women-owned businesses. She continues to be a key individual in the future of equitable business development domestically and internationally.

Active in the community, Dr. Greene currently serves as President of The Snohomish County NAACP, on the Board of The Snohomish Ebony Political Action Committee, and The Snohomish County Future Workforce Alliance, where she actively provides support and guidance to organizations on equity and inclusion of diverse communities.

Dr. Greene currently serves on several boards and committees committed to advancing opportunities and championing under-served entrepreneurs.

Dr. Greene has a BS in Business Administration, an MS in Management from Antioch University, and a Ph.D. from Skema Business School.



Laura Lavato has been at Sandia National Laboratories for 13 years. Prior to her current position, she was the Manager of the Integrated IT Procurement organization for 4.5 years. Under her leadership, in 2021 Sandia National Laboratories awarded an information technology subcontract of up to \$700 million to a New Mexico small business. This is the largest subcontract Sandia has issued to date. Laura's motivation is "to partner with small businesses with a variety of skills and expertise to promote innovation in support of Sandia's mission. We have teams dedicated to helping interested suppliers navigate the rewarding but sometimes unfamiliar path of working with a national laboratory." Prior to Sandia, Laura worked as a subcontracts manager for Northrop Grumman Technical Services and at Los Alamos National Laboratory as a Small Business Liaison Officer. Laura has an MBA in Finance and has also earned certifications in CFCM, CPCM and PMP.

Phillip McCants is a native of Berkeley, CA and has been working at LBNL since 2018. Prior to arriving at LBNL he has worked extensively in federal government environments in procurement and small business program management roles and passionately subscribes to the notion that small businesses are the backbone of the (U.S.) economy.



Tamara Miles is the Deputy Director, Small Business Programs, for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as of December 2020. She has a heart for small business concerns and is charged with maximizing small business opportunities and contract awards. Prior to joining OSDBU, Tamara served as Assistant Director and Procurement Director at the DOE Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center leading a team of 40+ geographically dispersed contracting professionals in the acquisition and management of multi-billion dollar environmental clean-up contracts nationwide. Tamara believes that teamwork, resiliency, and hard work are cornerstones for success. Her favorite quote is, "Find the good and praise it" - Alex Haley Tamara is Level III certified under the Federal Acquisition Certification Program in Contracting. She attended the University of Cincinnati for undergraduate and graduate studies earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with honors in Finance and a Master of Business Administration degree. Tamara is married to a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and they have three children.

Ms. Chelsea Murphy, DOE/NNSA's Field Small Business Program Manager.

Chelsea began her career with the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) in 2009 while simultaneously completing her Master's Degree in Business, MBA (concentrating in Finance) from the University of New Mexico. Chelsea acted as an unlimited warrant Contracting Officer for over a decade awarding and administering many of NNSA's most complex and high value contracts, including her last project for an M&O Competition awarded at \$28 Billion. Most recently, she applied and accepted a position as the NNSA Small Business Program Manager in July 2022 as the new face of NNSA Small Business outreach.

Angelica Numazu Rogers is a Bay Area native and has been at LBNL since 2015. Prior to working at LBNL she was working in the private sector with no federal government experience. She quickly adjusted to the public sector and enjoys working at LBNL because she believes in the exciting and important research that brings science solutions to the world.

Amy Rowland has been a wildlife biologist for over 30 years and is the CEO and co-founder of [Pangea Biological](#), which works primarily on construction projects in the energy and infrastructure sectors in the U.S. As a seasoned business owner, Amy is a champion for and committed to mentoring other women business owners and women in STEM. She currently serves in leadership roles with the Orange County Forum of the Women's Business Enterprise Council-West, the Board of Directors for the Association of Women in Water, Energy and Environment, and the Leadership Advisory Council of Women Impacting Public Policy. [WIPP](#) serves women by helping to shatter the glass ceiling and empower women business owners to break barriers, build successful businesses, and become influential voices in shaping public policy that fosters a thriving business environment.

Amy earned her bachelor's degree in Renewable Natural Resources with an emphasis on Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Arizona. In 2021, she completed the Management Development for Entrepreneurs program through the UCLA Anderson School of Management. In 2022, Pangea Biological was recognized by San Diego Gas & Electric as a Top 100 Supplier and Amy was honored as Enterprising Woman of the Year by Enterprising Women Magazine. [Connect with Amy on LinkedIn](#).

Dr. Cassandra McGee Stuart is Manager of Strategy and Performance at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). She leads the Small Business Programs Office, which works to increase the Laboratory's small business utilization. Additionally, she often leads strategic initiatives for Contracts and Business Services at ORNL, and in FY22 she was named manager of the catalogs and supply chain team in the Contracts Division. ORNL has won several awards for its commitment to small businesses, including the Department of Energy (DOE) OSDBU Director's Excellence Award, DOE Mentor of the Year, and the Veteran's Enterprise Award from the National Veteran Small Business Coalition. She also received the DOE Small Business Program Manager of the Year Award.

Stuart began her career in television news broadcasting as producer at CNN-Headline News in Atlanta and later worked as a reporter and anchor for the Knoxville NBC affiliate, WBIR-TV, for 10 years. She was also Director of Public and Government relations at the Knoxville Area Chamber followed by positions as Director and Vice President of Business Development at two area firms for several years. She also owned a small consulting business.

Stuart is a graduate of Leadership Knoxville and serves on the boards of the East Tennessee Foundation, Emerald Youth Foundation, Legacy Parks, and completed two terms on the City of Knoxville's Diversity Business Advisory Committee. Stuart was on the Knox County Election Commission for 15 years – the longest serving African American. She holds a Doctorate in Business Administration from Lincoln Memorial University, as well as a Master's in Management from Colorado State University, and an undergraduate degree in Communications from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.



Leonardo Valencia is a Supplier Diversity Advocate at Sandia National Laboratories. Leo provides support, training and resources to small business suppliers who are interested in doing business with Sandia National Labs and the Department of Energy. Leo is responsible for identifying diverse and qualified small businesses to support Sandia's dynamic and ever evolving national security missions. Leo is also the lead for Sandia's Lower Tier Subcontracting Program and Sandia's yearly Economic Impact Brochure publication – which demonstrates Sandia's yearly economic impact on the state of New Mexico through procurement spend, labor spend, taxes, and employee hour or monetary donations. He has been in his current role for six years, but has been with Sandia for almost nine years. Leo joined Sandia in 2014 as Purchasing Card Program Administrator. He later moved on to Business Operations and Finance, where he managed budget and operational activities for Sandia's Supply Chain Division.

Leo is a New Mexican native, born and raised in Farmington, NM. Leo graduated from Farmington High School in 2008 (go Scorpions!) before moving to Albuquerque to attend the University of New Mexico (UNM). He received his Bachelor of Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting, and his Master of Accounting, with a concentration in Information Assurance, from UNM.