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Norman D. Peterson is the Assistant to the Director at Argonne National Laboratory. In this position, he interacts with governmental agencies and develops collaborations between industries, universities, and other technology organizations. These collaborations have included a number of projects with the State of Illinois, which utilize Argonne technology to enhance the development and expansion of Illinois companies. He is also responsible for the facilitation of laboratory agreements and interactions with governmental agencies and foreign research institutions.

Previously, Mr. Peterson served as the first Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology for the State of Illinois. The Commission provided leadership in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the state on issues relating to science and technology and economic development. The Commission's staff also established and administered a comprehensive, technology-oriented economic development program. Initiatives within the program included technology transfer projects at universities and national laboratories, and investment fund allocations to support the development of start-up, technology-driven businesses.

Mr. Peterson has served as an advisor to a number of states, universities, and management consulting organizations, which have developed technology transfer and economic development programs. He currently serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Urban Technology, the University of Puerto Rico Center for Advanced Nanoscale Materials External Advisory Board, and the Northern Illinois University Research Foundation Board. His community activities include serving on the Board of Directors for The Youth Campus, which provides residential and community based social services to abused and neglected children.

Mr. Peterson has an MA in Urban Studies from Loyola University in Chicago, an MS in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a BA in Urban Studies from Elmhurst College. Mr. Peterson has authored a number of articles and papers in the areas of technology transfer, strategic planning, and establishing effective collaborations.