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LLNL engineer named to DOE leadership program

The U.S. Department of Energy recently announced that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory engineer Andréa Schmidt has been selected as a member and fellow of the Oppenheimer Science and Energy Leadership Program’s (OSELP) fourth cohort.

Schmidt, who heads the Lab’s National Security Engineering Division plasma-engineering group, began her role with the cohort on Jan. 26. In the coming year, Schmidt will visit many of the DOE National Labs, meeting with senior management and staff to learn about the operations and capabilities of each Lab, and how their work supports U.S. leadership in science and technology.

“It is a privilege to represent LLNL in this program and to get a more comprehensive view of the DOE system as a whole,” Schmidt said. “It seems many of the challenges we face as laboratories are common, and each lab has had different models for addressing them, with varying levels of success. We are certainly

learning from one another and each coming away with new ideas.”

Formerly known as the Energy Sciences Leadership Group, OSELP was developed to introduce future DOE leaders to the breadth and depth of the National Laboratory system and expose them to the broader scientific, policy, and energy ecosystem within which the Labs operate, according to DOE. Typically, only one representative from each laboratory is chosen for each cohort, which also includes members from academia.

In addition to site visits, Schmidt will collaborate with other cohort members to develop Think Pieces on organizational, policy, scientific, and other challenges confronting the DOE laboratory system to present to lab directors and chief research officers at the Big Ideas Summit, an annual event that facilitates collaboration and strategic planning throughout the National Laboratory system.