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Before taking on her current leadership position, Rita held a number of executive positions including director of advanced systems and transformation, director of radio frequency and electronic systems, and deputy director of the threat intelligence center at Sandia. Rita also spent 17 years in the microsystems center where she had multiple leadership responsibilities from designing application specific integrated circuits to leading the organization at a senior level. These leadership roles gave Rita the opportunity to impact a multitude of national security programs and build partnerships throughout the national security enterprise.

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