

**Charles D. Lutes selected as
Director of the Office of Defense Coordination (ODC)**

I am pleased to announce that Charles D. (Chuck) Lutes has been selected as the Laboratory's Director of Defense Coordination, following a broad nationwide search effort. Chuck will bring to this vital senior LLNL managerial position his outstanding national security policy leadership experience, strategic acumen, and broad expertise in working with key stakeholders. He will join the Laboratory on August 20, 2018.

In this new role, Chuck will work to continue our strong relationships, including facilitation and coordination of the Lab's strategies and support activities for the Department of Defense (DOD). ODC was established in March 2017 to further our strategies to best support the DOD with respect to both the nuclear deterrent, and in areas where our unique science and technology capabilities can be brought to bear for the advantage of US war fighters and peace keepers. The ODC serves as the point-of-contact to DOD for the Director's Office and maintains relationships with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Military Departments, and Defense Agencies. As the ODC Director, Chuck will report to the Laboratory Director and he will work closely with the Laboratory's DOD Council (DODC). He will oversee the ODC technical and administrative staff and functions including tracking all Laboratory Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) and Change of Station (COS) assignments, in coordination with Strategic Human Resources Management.

Chuck most recently served as the Director of the Center for the Study of WMD at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. where he led a team of academic and senior policy professionals in education, research, and policy support activities for a variety of U.S. national security organizations. He has held key senior positions in the offices of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the National Security Council, and in the USAF where he attained the rank of Colonel as a decorated pilot and served as a key strategist for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He holds an M.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, an advanced degree in education from George Washington University and a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science from Duke University. He was a National Security Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Chuck is also an ABD doctoral candidate in science and technology policy at George Washington University.

I want to thank Randy Simpson, who has served as the Interim ODC Director since its inception. He has provided exemplary leadership and has implemented strategic initiatives, championed key staffing additions, and maintained critical national security stakeholder relationships.

William H. Goldstein
Director