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The federal laboratories have a rich history of dedicated individuals transferring federally developed technology to the marketplace for the benefit of our country and the world. Susan Sprake has devoted her career, over 20+ years, to assisting industry in partnering with the federal laboratories and enabling such partnerships to reap commercial and mission rewards. Along the way she has endeavored to help federal labs identify avenues whereby transferring technology could be enhanced. Whether those avenues were intellectual property protection policies and procedures, or allowing more negotiable terms and conditions in various partnership agreements, the efforts have always been worth the struggle. Over the years, federal laws had to be written, amended, promoted and passed to allow a wider range of activities between the federal laboratories and industry.

As a New Business Development Executive for the Technology Transfer Division of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Ms. Sprake develops long-term strategic relationships with global businesses whose R&D needs are broad and well-matched with LANL's technological attributes. She participates in the continued enhancement of venture capital and spin out opportunities in the northern New Mexico area. She advises management on policy and legislation considerations affecting technology transfer activities. These roles include liaison to the DOE agency working group, the TTWG, and the DOE's laboratory working group, the Technology Partnership Working Group (TPWG); liaison to the Industry Research Institute (IRI); and participation on expert panels for the internationally focused Knowledge Roundtable (Boston and the United Kingdom, IPI, Proton Europe and others).