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Acting Deputy Executive Director, Enterprise Systems Engineering, Service Delivery and Engineering

Ms. Denise McLain joined the VA in 2001.  She has served in several positions within VA Office of Information and Technology (OI&T) to include Core Systems Service Line Manager in Field Operations and the Director of Core Systems Engineering, Enterprise Systems Engineering.  She is currently the Acting Deputy Executive Director of Enterprise Systems Engineering.

In her position as Director of Core Systems Engineering, Denise manages engineers across multiple technical domains supporting over 190 active OI&T projects, and is responsible for a 70 million dollar budget.  Recent major accomplishments of her group include implementation of the VA/Department of Defense (DOD) interoperability gateways to support interoperability with the DoD, development of the Next Generation Wide Area Network (WAN) design, design and implementation of Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Backup Encryption in support of the Continuous Readiness in Information Security Program (CRISP), and network, platform, and storage design for the infrastructure at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Defense Enterprise Computing Centers (DECC) in support of the National Data Center Program VistA Migration project.  As Acting Deputy Executive Director of Enterprise Systems Engineering, she  oversees infrastructure standards formulation as well as systems engineering, testing, operational readiness reviews and release certification for all enterprise projects.

Prior to working for the VA, Denise worked in IT for the Air Force at Ramstein Air Force Base where she was selected as Air Force Civilian of the year.  She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and married to Jim McLain, Deputy Director of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center.