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Dr. Robert F. Leheny was appointed Deputy Director of DARPA effective June 2, 2003. Prior to that he was Director of the Microsystems Technology Office. He joined DARPA in October 1993 as a Program Manager in the area of optoelectronics. Since joining DARPA, his program interests have focused primarily on the application of photonics, microelectronics and MEMS technologies to communication and RF systems and related materials and device technologies for information processing systems applications.

Prior to joining DARPA, from 1987 to 1993 Dr. Leheny was an Executive Director for Network Technology Research in the Applied Research Laboratory of Bell Communications Research, Inc. (Bellcore, now known as Telcordia Technologies, Inc), Red Bank, NJ. In this position he was responsible for managing an organization researching materials and device designs for communication systems. From 1984 to 1987, he was Director of the Electronic Device Research Group in the same Laboratory at Bellcore. From 1967 to 1983 he was a member of technical staff in Electronics Research Lab at Bell Laboratories, Inc, Holmdel, NJ. From 1962 to 1967, he was a graduate student at Columbia University and from 1960 to 1962, he was employed as a Radar Systems Engineer with the Sperry Gyroscope Co, Great Neck, NY.

Dr. Leheny received his BS from the University of Connecticut in 1960 and a Doctor of Engineering Science Degree from Columbia University in 1966. In 1983, he was named a Bell Labs Distinguished Member of Technical Staff and in 1992 he was named a Distinguished Graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Engineering. He has published over 70 papers, co-edited a book and authored four book chapters. He is a Fellow of the IEEE and a member of the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the New York Academy of Sciences.