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## **Laura Baldwin to Join IDA as Vice President, Research**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (October 2022)** – Laura Baldwin, Ph.D., will join the IDA team November 14, 2022, as the vice president, research.

“I am delighted to welcome Laura to IDA’s leadership team and to have her lead our research efforts,” said IDA President Norty Schwartz. “She has extensive experience leading federally funded research and development center portfolios and proven expertise in national security.”

In her new role, Baldwin will shape and oversee the overall research vision and strategy for two IDA-operated FFRDCs: the Systems and Analyses Center and the Science and Technology Policy Institute.

Baldwin comes to IDA from RAND, where she was the associate director of the National Security Research Division. Her research centered on the intersection of economics and national security with analyses of supply chains as tools of strategic competition; military logistics and acquisition challenges of future operating environments; cost recovery via the Transportation Working Capital Fund; and life-cycle costs of weapon systems. She helped evaluate the option of using commercial sources of refueling within the continental United States as part of an analysis of alternatives for the recapitalization of the KC-135 aerial refueling tanker. She also co-founded the Defense Economics track at the annual Western Economic Association International meetings.

Baldwin earned her doctoral degree in economics from Duke University.

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