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## **NETL** REPORTS:

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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Kristina Patton as a secretary for the power and vehicles technologies division. Previously, she worked as a contractor supporting the project management center.

Patton grew up in Bridgeport, W.Va. and earned a BA in communication studies with minors in business administration and Spanish from West Virginia University (Morgantown, W.Va.). She lives in Morgantown.

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