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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected Mehrdad Shahnam as a general engineer. Most recently, Shahnam worked as a lead engineer, with Ansys, Inc. of Canonsburg, PA, providing expertise in the area of simulation technology and computational fluid dynamics. In this new position, Shahnam will utilize physical and chemical experimental research along with computational sciences for understanding and developing technologies, advanced materials, and multi-scale energy systems ranging from the molecular-scale to device-scale to plant-scale.

Shahnam lives in Morgantown, WV. He grew up in Tehran, Iran. He holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia University.

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