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The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is proud to announce that Kristin Gerdes has been awarded a Bronze Award for Excellence in the Rookie of the Year category from the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB).

FEB held its 26<sup>th</sup> annual Excellence in Government Awards Program luncheon, where the awards were presented, at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh. NETL employees took home several of the awards.

Kristin Gerdes is an engineer at NETL where she conducts a wide range of energy-related analyses. She grew up in Newton, KS and earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Kansas and a master's in business administration from West Virginia University. She lives in Morgantown, WV.

NETL is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. NETL – “the ENERGY lab” – focuses on America's economic prosperity, which requires secure, reliable energy supplies at sustainable prices. Three overarching issues characterize the energy situation in the United States. They are energy affordability, supply security, and environmental quality. The Department of Energy's only government-owned, government-operated national lab, NETL is a research and technology center where these energy challenges converge and energy solutions emerge. NETL implements a broad spectrum of energy and environmental research and development programs through its own research staff and through funded research at other labs, universities, and industry that will return benefits for generations to come.