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Maria Labreveux joined KSTC in February 2007 and is the Executive Director for the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation (KSEF). Maria currently provides direction to the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, including the Research and Development Excellence Program, the Kentucky SBIR/STTR Phase Zero and Phase Double Zero Program, SBIR Connect, the Kentucky SBIR/STTR Resource Center, and other SBIR/STTR training opportunities. These programs facilitate innovations, provide opportunities to translate these into technologies having commercial potential, and allow building and training of technical workforces for solving real problems.

Maria brings research and grants management experiences from the Delaware State University (DSU) where she worked as an Assistant Professor before moving to Kentucky. Maria secured over \$2 million in a 2.5-year period at DSU for her research and teaching from federal and state agencies such as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Resources Conservation Services (USDA-NRCS), the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services (CSREES), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the University of Delaware. Maria is an active member of the Early Career Professional Division of the Agronomy and Crop Science Societies of America, and a contributor to the society's monthly newsletter. Maria received her PhD in Agronomy-Plant Science from The Pennsylvania State University, and her MS and Ag Engineering degrees in Argentina.