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Mr. Widdup has received a number of awards, including a Bronze Medal Award from NIST, a small business award from the DOC Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business, a leadership award from the then-DOC Senior Procurement Executive, and a Meritorious Service Award in 2021 from the NRC.