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Martha Stokes is a molecular microbiologist and has experience in both program management and science management. She has been at DTRA BTRP (Biological Threat Reduction Program) for eight years, serving first as an International Country Manager for programs in Russia and Ukraine as overall country project manager. Martha joined the BTRP Science Team in March, 2013 and is responsible for implementing the BTRP Research Engagement Plan in Southeast Asia. As Regional Science Manager, she coordinates strategic research collaborations that help inform and enhance partnerships in the region, while supporting the BTRP mission of providing capabilities for biosurveillance, biosafety and biosecurity to partner countries. She also co-manages the BTRP International Organization portfolio, which includes partnerships with FAO, OIE, WHO and others.

Prior to working at DTRA, Martha spent 2 years at the Department of Homeland Security as an AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow. She managed the vaccines and diagnostics portfolio of the Agriculture Defense Branch of DHS S&T, which included the research being conducted at Plum Island Animal Disease Center as well as a number of DHS/USDA collaborative efforts.

Martha holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (Anthropology) from the University of South Florida, a Bachelor of Sciences in Biological Sciences and Chemistry and a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from Old Dominion University in Virginia.