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Laurie Jugan is an independent consultant supporting the Mississippi Enterprise for Technology (MSET), a nonprofit located at Stennis Space Center. She assists companies in finding business opportunities consistent with company capabilities. She serves as liaison with local federal agencies, assessing commercially-developed technologies for federal use and federally-developed technologies for commercial use. She supports a University of Southern Mississippi contract for the formalization of the Marine Industries Science & Technology (MIST) Cluster, promoting the Blue Economy of the Gulf Coast region (portion of the state's economy related to water). Laurie currently serves as the President of the local section of the Marine Technology Society and is involved in the international OCEANS Conference coming to the area in 2020. In each of these roles, she coordinates meetings and events focused on technology, training, and networking.

Laurie worked for 25 years in a small technology business serving in a variety of technical and business roles. She is a retired Oceanographer and holds Master's degrees in Business Administration and Oceanography. Her technical roles included at-sea exercise direction and the creation of environmental products assisting the Naval Fleet in navigating global waters. Laurie currently serves on the Board of the INFINITY Science Center and co-hosts a WRJW radio spot highlighting business activities along the Gulf Coast.