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From 2003-2010, Ms. Harbitter served as Deputy Executive Director of SEARCH, overseeing the development, implementation and management of all SEARCH programs and related projects. SEARCH programs focus on information sharing technology and its successful application to justice, homeland security and public safety decisionmaking. These programs focus on four specific areas: law and policy issues associated with information and identification technologies; planning for and implementing information-sharing technology; public safety information sharing and interoperable communications technologies; and high-technology crime investigation. Under her leadership, SEARCH staff provided a broad array of activities, resources and products to local, regional, tribal and state justice and public safety agencies nationwide. Ms. Harbitter oversaw programs funded by grants, cooperative agreements and contracts from the U.S. Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Homeland Security (DHS), and from state and local agencies.

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Ms. Harbitter is a member of the Criminal Justice Information System Committee, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); and Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Security Working Group. She joined SEARCH in 1991. She is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, with bachelor's degrees in Political Science and in Communications.