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Dr. Eric W. Abelquist serves as executive vice president and chief research officer. In this role, he works closely with the president and chief executive officer of ORAU to promote collaboration between the company and its university partners, federal agencies, national laboratories and others. Dr. Abelquist leads entrepreneurial and innovative initiatives that develop business growth for the organization. He formulates organizational strategic objectives, overseeing key strategic initiatives, community initiatives and best business practices. Abelquist also advises on scientific and engineering issues that advance scientific research and education opportunities.

Dr. Abelquist recently completed his term as president of the Health Physics Society, a national organization whose mission is to support its members in the practice of their profession and to promote excellence in the science and practice of radiation safety. He has lectured nationally and internationally, including a recently invited lecture at the China Society of Radiation Protection in Shanghai, China.

Dr. Abelquist joined ORAU more than 25 years ago as a project leader responsible for overseeing a team of health physics technicians and conducting characterization and independent verification surveys at the U.S. Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission sites. He later worked for many years as the survey program's associate director where, most notably, he contributed to the development and implementation of the Multiagency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM), and developed the first MARSSIM training course that has now been offered nearly 100 times.

Dr. Abelquist received a doctorate in nuclear engineering and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee. He earned a master's degree and bachelor's degree in radiation sciences from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.