As the TTC, Tom is responsible for supporting intellectual property agreements (CRADAs, MTAs, MTRAs, NDAs), and managing the patents, licensing and marketing program. This position serves as a liaison (point-of-contact) between Forest Service scientists, external cooperators and other Forest Service units, USDA groups, and other agencies. This position performs the activities necessary to plan, conduct, negotiate, administer, coordinate, and evaluate technology transfer activities for the Research and Development Deputy Area and agency, where appropriate, and to coordinate with other deputy areas. Before joining the Forest Service, Tom was the partnership liaison for the USDA Agricultural Research Service for 15 years and prior to that, served as program manager at the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture for 23 years. Tom earned his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in technology management from the University of Maryland.