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**Biography:** Cita M. Furlani is Director of the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL). She oversees a research program designed to support U.S. industry, government, and academia with measurements and standards, underpinning IT innovations. Through its efforts, ITL seeks to enhance productivity and public safety, facilitate trade, and improve the quality of life.

Furlani also serves as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). As CIO, Furlani is the principal adviser to the NIST Director on the planning, execution, evaluation, and delivery of information technology services and support.

Furlani recently served as director of the National Coordination Office for Information Technology Research and Development. This office, reporting to the White House through the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science and Technology Council, coordinates the planning, budget, and assessment activities for the 12-agency Networking and Information Technology R&D Program.

When named CIO, Furlani was Director of the Information Technology and Electronics Office within the Advanced Technology Program (ATP) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Before joining ATP, Furlani served as Chief of the Office of Enterprise Integration, Information Technology Laboratory, NIST, coordinating Department of Commerce activities in the area of enterprise integration. Furlani also served as special assistant to the NIST Director in the Director's role as Chair of the Committee on Applications and Technology of the Administration's Information Infrastructure Task Force. Previously, Furlani was on detail as technical staff to the Director of NIST in the position of Senior Program Analyst. Prior to August 1992, she managed research and development programs within the NIST Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory, applying information technology to manufacturing since 1981.

She earned a Master of Science degree in electronics and computer engineering from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics and mathematics from Texas Christian University.