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Kathy is engaged with overall research portfolio strategy, listening tours, and all grant programs at The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group. In addition, she frequently serves as a reviewer with federal agencies and partner organizations for multidisciplinary “frontier” research programs, and as an invited panel member on topics ranging from science philanthropy to technology development. Since joining the organization in 2012 as a Senior Program Officer for Science and Technology at the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, Kathy has grown the bioscience portfolio, expanded the Allen Distinguished Investigator program and led funding in emerging bioscience and technology areas.

Her position at the Frontiers Group follows her role as the Director of Enabling Technologies at the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center, one of three Department of Energy funded biofuels Centers. In that position, she developed and oversaw a diverse portfolio of numerous technologies ranging from “omics” to plant transformation which supported the research needs of its 300 members. Prior to that, Kathy worked as a bench scientist, project lead and industry consultant, garnering two patents and multiple publications. Along with a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Richmond also holds an M.B.A. and attended Stanford University as an American Cancer Society postdoctoral fellow.