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John is the Regional Engagement Principal covering the Carolinas for the National Security Innovation Network. NSIN is an unrivaled problem-solving network that adapts to the emerging needs of those who serve in the defense of our national security. NSIN offers programs and services that connect innovators across communities that might not traditionally cross paths. His overarching goal as an NSIN Principal is to align Federal, State, and Local networks, identify shared problems, evaluate and activate appropriate network members, develop operational optionality, and take action on the established shared problem. He previously served as an active-duty soldier in the United States military where he spent his career working with joint and inter-agency teams establishing applied change ranging from hyper-local to transnational.