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In 2000, Victor McCrary was awarded the U.S. Commerce Department's Gold Medal for the development of standards for electronic books, which paved the way for e-book readers like the Kindle and iPad. Since joining the Applied Physics Laboratory in 2003, McCrary has developed critical national programs. He oversees a \$10 million research portfolio and evaluates research and development projects. McCrary also serves on advisory boards for University of Puerto Rico, University of Massachusetts, and Mississippi State University. Additionally, he created research partnerships between APL and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and is working with the U.S. Navy on a program to increase the participation of HBCUs and Hispanic-serving Institutions on navy contracts. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Catholic University, an executive master's of science and engineering from the Wharton School of Business and the Graduate School of Engineering, University of Pennsylvania; and a doctorate in physical chemistry from Howard University. He serves as president of the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChe) and is a lecturer in the University of Pennsylvania's Executive Masters of Technology Management program.