Karen Thole announced as fifth finalist for engineering dean

March 25, 2019 – Karen Thole from Pennsylvania State University is the fifth finalist for the next James L. and Katherine S. Melsa Dean of Engineering at Iowa State University. She will visit campus March 26-28.

Thole, University Distinguished Professor and head of Penn State’s Department of Mechanical Engineering, will meet with students, faculty, staff, and external stakeholders during her visit. She will also hold an open forum Wednesday, March 27, from 2-3 p.m., at the Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium in Howe Hall.

Thole holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. She joined Penn State in 2006 after serving as the William S. Cross Professor of Mechanical Engineering and assistant department head for research at Virginia Tech.

More information on Thole, and on the search, is available at: https://www.provost.iastate.edu/administrator-resources/recruitment/searches/dean--college-of-engineering

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