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Leighton Johnson is an economic development professional that supports technology adoption across manufacturers & logistics firms within the State of Indiana, as a Director of Innovation & Digital Transformation for Conexus Indiana. In his role, Leighton serves as the Program Manager to the Indiana Manufacturing Readiness Grants Program, which has awarded over \$45 million in matching technology-enabled capital equipment investments funding supporting total project budgets of over \$500 million to 425 Indiana manufacturing firms in nearly 80% of all Indiana counties. As a member of the broader Conexus Digital Transformation team, Leighton implements strategies for effective program administration, data and analytics, and reporting to ensure that the organization is meeting its programming goals. Prior to joining Conexus, Leighton served in the capacity of Senior Director for Workforce Solutions for the South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership, a regional economic development initiative, supporting Advanced Industry workforce development, higher education and innovation economy ecosystem building to enhance the resiliency and productivity for regional advanced manufacturing firms.