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Kathy serves as the Coordinator for UF Tech Connect[®] at the University of Florida Office of Technology Licensing. In this role she draws upon her years of experience to build strategic relationships with entrepreneurs, investors and inventors to increase the number of technology-based companies launched annually. Professionally, her experience spans both the public and private sectors, has a strong technology focus, and includes extensive grant administration and educational outreach.

Prior to joining OTL, Kathy worked for over 12 years in the telecommunications field, during which she was an early employee at two technology startup companies (both acquired), one of which was PanAmSat – the world’s first private satellite system. She also served for six years as an Evaluator and Technical Assistance and Training Consultant for the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

Kathy holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut and earned her master’s and doctoral degrees in Mass Communication at the University of Florida. She has won several awards for her work with technology including the USDA Honor Award for Leadership and an Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE) award for Best Innovative Use of Communication Technology. She is also currently a mentor for Girls Rock! Gainesville, a week-long camp that teaches girls 8-17 empowerment through music.