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Leslie J. Sawyer is president and CEO of Environmental Design International inc. (EDI), a Chicago-based civil and environmental engineering firm. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Sawyer is a highly experienced executive with an extensive background in policy development, program design and project management. As a graduate of Lake Forest College, a small, liberal arts college in Illinois, Sawyer understands the importance of world-class educations that these schools offer. To her, the missions of ACI and EDI intersect on the issue of education, especially STEM education, for disadvantaged and diverse students. She has led EDI since August 2016 and has been on the ACI Board of Trustees since January 2017. In 2019, she was elected to ACI's Executive Committee.