

# Planning for the Future: Transatlantic Cooperation in SMRs Workshop

DECEMBER 7-8, 2022 | BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



## **Sydney McNiff Johnson**

*President*

*Galena Strategies LLC*

Sydney McNiff Johnson is an accomplished executive with extensive public sector and government experience. She is a strategic thought leader at the national and international level in energy, climate and technological areas.



Johnson serves as the President of Galena Strategies LLC, an energy consultancy firm. She also consults to Dentons US LLP, where she formerly served as Principal, and helped grow the energy practice from 12 offices in 2 countries to over 125 offices in 80 countries, working with teams to assimilate top energy companies into one practice.

As a C-Suite executive, she led the negotiations with the Russian Federation to import fissile material from 10,000 decommissioned nuclear warheads into the United States for a \$2 billion revenue company listed on the NYSE. In addition, she was responsible for all corporate communications and government relations, including union negotiations and implementing operations at two of the largest Dept. of Energy complexes in the U.S.

Johnson was a co-founder of the U.S. Nuclear Transportation Council, now U.S. Nuclear Industry Council; the leading nuclear association for a continued strong U.S. nuclear fleet, development and deployment of Advanced Reactors, new technologies and exportation of U.S. nuclear goods. She serves on the Back End Working Group of the USNIC as well as the Strategic Initiatives Taskforce. As the Vice Chairman of the Department of Commerce's Civil Nuclear Trade Commission (CINTAC), she participated on the U.S. Delegation in the 123 negotiations in Vietnam and China for US nuclear export technology in 2014.

Sydney has also helped clients with FEMA, the National Security Council, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, FERC, the Departments of Defense and Energy and other agencies to facilitate strategic solutions.

Sydney's ability to negotiate with engineers, technical experts, and international regulators lends to tremendous shareholder value. She has worked funding, permitting, regulatory and environmental matters for construction of highways, power plants, mines, subway systems and airports.

Sydney serves as an Ambassador to the Department of Energy for the C3E program, promoting women in clean energy. She serves as Vice Chair of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors, currently implementing \$2.5 billion of assets in the Gulf coast states to remediate environmental and wildlife damage from the Transocean Oil Spill.