

## SPEAKER INTRO

*Date:* Thursday, November 12, 2020  
*Event:* “How Crowdsourcing Helped NASA Design a New Toilet”  
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Steve Rader serves as the deputy director of NASA’s Center of Excellence for Collaborative Innovation (CoECI), which is working to infuse challenge and crowdsourcing innovation approaches at NASA and across the federal government. CoECI focuses on the study and use of curated, crowdsourcing communities that utilize prize and challenge-based methods to deliver innovative solutions for NASA and the U.S. government.

In 2015, Mr. Rader was named as one of 20 Challenge Mentors for U.S. Government Services Administration’s Prizes and Challenges government-wide community of practice. He speaks regularly about NASA’s work in crowd-based challenges and the future of work both publicly and internally to the NASA workforce to promote the use of open innovation tools.

He has a degree in mechanical engineering from Rice University.