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Bram Lillard is the director of the Operational Evaluation Division (OED) in the IDA Systems and Analyses Center — a role he assumed in early 2022. In this position, Bram provides strategic leadership, project oversight, and direction for the division's research program, which primarily supports the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E), within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He also oversees OED's contributions to strategic studies, weapon system sustainment analyses, and cybersecurity evaluations for the Department of Defense and anti-terrorism technology evaluations for the Department of Homeland Security.

Bram joined IDA in 2004 as a member of the research staff. In 2013-14, he was the acting science advisor to DOT&E. He then served as OED's assistant director in 2014-21, ascending to deputy director in late 2021.

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