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Rick is an expert in strategic planning, formulation development and oversight of multi-disciplinary product development programs.

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