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Positions held include Director, Software Solutions Division, Software Engineering Institute; Chief Technology Officer for the Air Force Research Laboratory's \$5.2B technology portfolio, with responsibility for providing strategic vision and guidance for a workforce of 10,200 scientists and engineers; DHS Chief Scientist & Director of the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA), where I initiated a restructuring of the DHS R&D portfolio to more efficiently address threat & risk assessments for the homeland security enterprise; Program Manager, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); Adviser to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering, where I assisted in founding the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx); Director for Strategic Technologies, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control; Chief Strategist, Georgia Tech Research Institute; and various management and bench scientist positions during my tenure at the Army Research Laboratory.

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