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Ms. Laughton partners with leaders in the technology industry to build their federal go-to-market strategy, determining the best and most cost-effective path for achieving their business goals. She and her team of dedicated cybersecurity professionals strive to improve the overall security posture of clients and navigate compliance with various standards such as FedRAMP, FISMA, Department of Defense (DoD) Cloud Computing Security Requirements Guide (SRG), NIST 800-171/CMMC, NIST CSF, HITRUST, ISO, SOC, and PCI.

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