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Mr. Centafont has spent his professional career at the National Security Agency (NSA), with numerous assignments in engineering research development, project and program management, and organizational and technical leadership, including staff officer and external liaison positions. Throughout his career, he has participated and led initiatives that have involved engineering cooperation and coordination with Federal and Commercial communities on Information Assurance (IA) related products and technical standards.

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