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Yolanda L. Comedy is an independent consultant working on science and technology (S&T) issues including S&T policy; cybersecurity; space commercialization; science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and diversity; and business strategy. For more than fifteen years she has worked in both the public and private sectors on critical public policy issues, primarily in science and technology policy.

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