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Dr. Verma has been teaching and mentoring students in their doctoral degree programs at the School of Advanced Studies, University of Phoenix, for over a decade. His formal education includes PhD and MS degrees in Ceramic Science from Alfred University, USA, and MTech and BTech degrees in Metallurgical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, India. He has 35+ years of technical and administrative management experience at various companies in the U.S. electronics industry, including SEMATECH, a consortium of US semiconductor manufacturing companies. His consulting companies, BCA International (BCAI) and Nanotechnology International (NANOTECH), offer services in competitive analysis and benchmarking project and program management. In Japan and India, he managed projects to benchmark semiconductor manufacturing and software manufacturing respectively. Indian project included meeting with several Government organizations and the Chief Minister of a state to understand the political environment and government support to the software industry. As member of Semiconductor Equipment and Manufacturing International (SEMI) Steering Committee, Dr. Verma organized and chaired sessions at Nanotechnology conferences, SEMI NanoForum Conference 2004 in Texas and NanoCommerce SEMI NanoForum 2005 in Chicago, USA. His responsibilities have included extensive travel in U.S. and visits to Japan, Germany, and India.

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