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Carol R. Sears is a Principal of Actuarial Consulting Group, Inc., an employee benefits consulting firm. She has over 30 years of experience in the employee benefits consulting field.

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