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Previously, Laura co-founded the Center for Open Data Enterprise (CODE) in Washington DC, which is a nonpartisan research organization that works with governments to leverage data for social and economic good. At CODE, she worked with over a dozen U.S. federal agencies on their data management strategies and with eight national governments on their digital economy policies and IT modernization efforts.

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