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Rachel Ward brings more than 12 years of experience in program development and partnership management. Prior to AltFinance, Rachel worked in the Aerospace & Defense sector for more than 10 years at Raytheon Technologies Corporation. She started her career in its prestigious Operations Leadership Program, and later served in various roles across Global Supply Chain, Human Resources and Digital Technology groups. Most recently, she was Associate Director, Strategy, where she was responsible for large-scale strategy and transformation planning across the Enterprise Services organization. Prior to that, Rachel also worked at Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT), AltFinance's career development partner, as the Director of Partnerships. Rachel currently serves on the Board of Directors for ACCESS Educational Services and is actively involved in the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Rachel received her BS in Construction Engineering from Purdue University as well as her MBA. from Purdue's Krannert School of Management. In addition, she is a Certified Scrum Master (CSM) and Project Management Professional (PMP).