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Doug Pinkham is president of the Public Affairs Council, the leading international association for public affairs professionals.

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