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Chris Deel is the vice president of Engineering and Advanced Programs for United Launch Alliance (ULA). In this role, Deel leads the team responsible for all engineering functional areas (propulsion and mechanical engineering; electrical engineering and engineering services; operations engineering; systems engineering and chief engineers). Deel is responsible for defining the product evolution roadmap from concept definition through detailed design. Deel most recently served as the chief engineer for Vulcan Centaur development and director of Advanced Programs.

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