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FINANCIAL ANALYST

Diversified Financial Strategist with proven ability to analyze operations and devise plans to cut costs and increase efficiency. Broad Financial Planning and Economic Analysis background with skills in Budget and Variance Analysis, Business Performance Review, and Financial Model and Report Development. Thrive on challenges in a progressive workplace. Proficient at:

- Cost/Benefit Analysis
- Cash Flows Analysis
- Financial/Cost Accounting
- Forecasting
- Statistical (Actuarial) Analysis
- Ad Hoc Reporting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WARD CONSULTING, Portland, OR

2000-2006, 2008-PRESENT

FINANCIAL/COST ANALYST

Independent financial performance and business affairs consultant helping private, public and non-profit companies cut costs and increase efficiency

Clients include: Red Cross, VitaLog, Elcam Medical, Lynguent, Brezden Pest Control and Portland State University

- Automated data transfer from regional offices to consolidate data for regional headquarters.
- Initiated and performed GAAP compliant accounting by reviewing, recompiling, and closing client general ledgers.
- Restructured Brezden Pest Control customer service database, performed operational analysis and identified need to unify the company IT System to increase operational efficiency and cut costs.
- Evaluated Lynguent's budgeted marketing plan to assure value of proposed actions in and determine cost cutting measures for outsourcing, advertising, sales strategies and data management.
- Proposed multidimensional software marketing plan based on study of customer groups and internal operations, and financial analysis of competitor pricing.
- Analyzed financial resources to budget Vitalog medical Research and Development (R&D) utilizing accounting and R&D records to examine associated costs and develop a free cash flow report documenting available R&D resources.
- Identified up to 7% unjustified sales team expenses at Elcam through cost accounting and analysis.

KPMG, Chicago, IL

2006-2008

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) FINANCIAL ADVISOR - IT ADVISORY DIVISION

Provided assurance and recommendations based on company research and analysis.

- Advised clients on potential outsourced service providers through examination of requested service industry, study of potential providers, and performance of a Cost/Benefit analysis.
- Researched IT auditing to update KPMG documentation and trained incoming associates on Sarbanes Oxley 404 and SAS 70.
- Documented design and confirmed operating effectiveness of IT controls by communicating with management, verifying control existence and duty segregation, and observing system security.
- Led planning team of KPMG advisory employee networking events; in charge of managing progress, maintaining budget, and communicating event plans and status to management.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP (AA), Albuquerque, NM

1997-1999

COST ANALYST

Responsible for increasing AA's operational efficiency by performing internal cost accounting and analysis.

- Prepared and presented operational amendment proposals based on financial analysis of issues at hand and data derived through AA research and communications with fellow employees and management.
- Managed project to reduce Medicare/Medicaid cliental account reconciliation expenses by 25% through cost analysis and identification of technological advancements.
- Determined key employee time scheduling variables through partner communications and variance analysis
- Led project to increase economic efficiency of AA employee time scheduling by developing a budgetary model based on skills utilization and employee performance.

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ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP (Continued)**FINANCIAL/IT AUDITOR**

Provided client assurance utilizing company and industry research and analysis.

- Researched Y2K review and IT assurance procedures to document and train AA employees.
- Documented structure and confirmed operating effectiveness of financial/IT controls by communicating with management, observing system security and duty segregation, and reconciling client accounts.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO (UNM), Albuquerque, NM**1996-1997****BUDGET ANALYST – ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (ASM)**

Led 5 member team that performed budget analysis and modeling to restructure ASM fund allocation.

- Directed project team for ASM course budgeting by communicating with management about project requirements and status, sequencing project activities, monitoring progress, and assigning tasks.
- Determined key business school budgetary variables by reviewing administrative functions, performing cost analysis, and creating Ad Hoc reports.
- Created new course scheduling budgetary model based on variance and cost/benefit analysis
- Forecasted 13% increase in ASM semester class scheduling efficiency by reviewing model results and analyzing independent variable utilization.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**MS in Financial Analysis ~ 2006**

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, School of Business Administration, Portland, OR

Post Graduate Computer Science Education – Bachelor Degree equivalent ~ 2001

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, San Luis Obispo, CA

MS in Accounting ~ 1997

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, Andersen School of Management, Albuquerque, NM

Beta Alpha Psi – Chapter President

BS in Economics and Accounting ~ 1994

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, San Luis Obispo, CA

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) ~ 2007

ILLINOIS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

Platforms: UNIX, Windows 3.11/NT 4.0/95/98SE/2000/ME/XP/Vista Professional, DOS 6.22

Langages: Visual C++, VB 6.0, VBA, PL/SQL, SQL Plus, SAS, HTML

Tools: Microsoft Office Professional, Oracle 9i & Forms and Reports 6i, Crystal Reports, Visio