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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Harmonizing Information Technology with Business Objectives

- **Change Agent** – Strategic control of change in the enterprise with enterprise program leadership. Managing the risks of change with CISSP-level security governance expertise
- **PMP-certified enterprise program leadership** - Proven success delivering large-scale infrastructure transformation
- **Security, Regulatory and Compliance Specialist** – AD consolidation risk mitigation; Privileged account remediation during consolidation, Legacy vulnerability elimination, Zero Trust identity alignment, Preventing migration of insecure configurations
- **Program Management** – Domain-to-OU consolidation strategy, Forest rationalization, GPO standardization, Identity replication health optimization, Disaster recovery planning for AD environments

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

2014 – Present

Information Technology and Project Management Services Provider

Assignments include:

Ethos Veterinary Hospitals Woburn, MA

Senior Infrastructure Program Manager

(2022-Present)

Emergency and Specialty Care for Pets

- Directed Security review and PCI 4.0 compliance initiative modernizing payment card infrastructure
- Coordinated implementation of Azure Active Directory infrastructure
- Program Manager for new builds and complete Hospital renovations. Refreshing network stack and endpoint infrastructure for 24/7 veterinary care facilities
- Directed Hospital IT infrastructure decommissioning, sanitizing and industry standard NIST 800-88 Rev.2 e-wasting of company assets

CVS, Woonsocket, RI

(2021-2022)

Cyber Security Project Manager

\$111 billion Global Health and Insurance Provider

Coordinating implementation of enhanced security controls cross cloud platforms

- Applied standardized CVS security controls across Azure, GCP, and AWS cloud infrastructure
- Aligned business processes across two disparate business entities – CVS and Aetna.
- Appraised new tools for the deployment, management and monitoring of detective controls and constraints across three different cloud providers

TJX, Marlborough, MA (2018 – 2020)

\$42 billion global Retailer with multiple brands including TJ Maxx.

Senior Technical Project Manager

Oversight of eight matrix staff including developers and administrators.

- Implemented \$2,000,000 Global Citrix Program converting on-premises services to Cloud services for more than 7000 virtual desktop users in 18 months.
- Created and implemented disaster recovery strategy bringing 24/7 availability for global Citrix workforce and critical business applications.
- Performed process and control assessments across entire portfolio of 8 business units aligning all into Enterprise Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity plan.
- Within six months, managed construction and rebuilds for six global buying offices from real estate acquisition, enterprise architecture, Data Center Infrastructure, telecommunications provisioning culminating in fully staffed offices across North America, Asia-Pacific and Europe
- Assisted in both tabletop and full Disaster Recovery exercises

RAYTHEON, Tewksbury, MA (2017 – 2018)

Prime Defense Contractor

Cybersecurity Project Manager

Responsible for compliance to DFARS Cyber Security phase II project for the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement at the Integrated Defense Systems division

SAMSUNG PAY, Burlington, MA (2017)

Digital Wallet Provider

Technical Project Manager, Operations

- Delivered PCI and SOC 2 compliance programs for annual renewal and compliance attestation and certification of Amazon (AWS) cloud-based production facilities on time and budget.
- Drove software development and technical teams to deliver applications to the user base with frequent deployments and lower failure rates using DevOps practices and tools

STAPLES, Framingham, MA (2016 – 2017)

Office Equipment, Electronics and Services Retailer

Sr. Project Manager

- Successfully implemented Global PCI Security compliance program using in-house development of bank partner-specific software applications for card authorization, bank payments, and business-to-business eCommerce applications
- Executed Archer eGRC suite of business level governance, risk management, compliance applications, manage software customization for Staples compliance requirements.

CVS, Woonsocket, RI

(2014 – 2015)

Health Care Company

Sr. Project Manager

- Implemented CVS RxConnect Retail Active-Active Data Center Reliability disaster recovery/business continuity program; defining and managing implementation of program goals

HEWLITT PACKARD, Palo Alto, CA

2012 – 2014

Enterprise Technology Company

Professional Services

Coordinate and deliver the rollout of HP/Autonomy core products to remediate mission-critical customer business problems by cataloguing large amounts of unstructured data (or “Dark Data”) into usable forms management can action on

SHIRE PHARMACEUTICALS (Contract Position)

2011–2012

- **Project Manager-** Contributed to Business Case creation, Developed Project Charter and Project Plan on \$4.8 million-dollar project for Data Center move and tech refresh
- Successful execution of Project using 15-member international team building new Data Center and moving Enterprise Data Center into new environment

RKV GROUP, LLC, Holliston, MA

2005 - 2012

Information Technology Services Provider

Director of Services

Assignments for Honeywell, New Age Media, Jamie Oil, Dempsey Energy, Abbess Instruments, and Corrado Construction, included:

- Project management achieving between 15 to 30% per year cost savings
- Cybersecurity compliance and strategic consulting for the manufacturing, energy and retail business sectors. Solutions include virtualization, cloud computing, security, disaster recovery/prevention, and total cost of ownership from all resources.
- Creating, implementing, and managing IT teams
- Engagement and supervision of telecommunications vendors
- Created and executed a 5-year roadmap for a government subcontractor to become compliant with NIST/CMMC regulations.
 - Created methodology and implemented electronic document

- management system, business analysis of customer service problem resolution process
- Established QA process for field reporting of energy efficiency and demand response

PEGASUS COMMUNICATIONS, Marlborough, MA**2000 - 2004**

Satellite & Terrestrial Television Provider, WiBand Provider (Wireless high-speed Internet for rural areas)

Senior IT Manager

- Managed a data and telecommunications network supporting a billion-dollar satellite television business (the third largest satellite television provider at the time) on a network spanning 11 states and supporting call enters and over 1200 users, directly managing 24/7 Tier 3 data facilities and personnel.

Tools and Project Management Software Proficient In:

Microsoft 365 suite of applications including MS Project, Microsoft Visio. Jira, Confluence, Clarity, Clarizen

CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Certified Information Systems Security Professional – CISSP

Project Management Professional – PMP

Former Board Member, Central Massachusetts Chapter PMI

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY, Framingham, MA

BS in Communications