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**Project Manage****r**

***Futuristic Analytical Achiever who can Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome any obstacles for a successful project.***

To excel in today’s competitive business environment, a successful results-driven Senior IT Project Manager needs a balance of strategic, technical, and project management expertise backed by robust leadership and team coaching skills. I have over 15 years of experience leading strategic projects and network engineering operations; making the forward-looking decisions that drive significant, sustainable, and scalable business growth; maintaining the quality, integrity, and timeliness of day-to-day operations; and carefully building the processes, policies and systems that sustain a productive and globally competitive organization. I have a background in managing end-to-end project cycles, mentoring junior associates, and proactively implementing process improvements with distinction.

*Business Strategy & Plan Execution*

*Manage Strategic Initiatives*

*Process Improvement & Optimization*

*Team Coaching & Development*

*IT Project Management & Oversight*

*Cross-Functional Collaboration*

*Agile Project Management*

*Waterfall Project Management*

*Relationship & Partnership Building*

*Top-Tier Communicator & Negotiator*

*Budget Management & Administration*

*Extensive Management Expertise*

***Professional Experience***

**Contract Project Manager**

February 2022 to October 2022 **• Kennametal •** Rogers, AR

**Leading the Local plant forward** with the Corporate sponsored Smart Factory integration to Microsoft Power BI dashboard.

* *Connecting local automation equipment to Microsoft Azure Cloud technologies.*
* *Managed setup of control network from the PLCs, NAT switches, Microsoft SQL database.*
* *Provide technical support, maintenance, and end user training to ensure effective smart factory utilization and integration.*
* *Coordinate third party installers with production staff for equipment installation.*
* *Plan biweekly meetings with corporate offices and local management, engineers, and production staff.*
* *Track project schedule for on-time project delivery.*

**Automation Superintendent**

October 2020 to December 2020 • **Red Dirt Measurement & Controls, LLC** • El Reno, OK

**Responsible for providing field automation expertise**, in support of key Oil & Gas projects and maintenance activities.

* *Provided daily maintenance of Process Control systems including stewardship of all operating systems and the systems that connect with them, such as PLC/Control systems.*
* *Conducted daily programming and maintenance of key PLCs, such as: Allen Bradley, Emerson ROC, and ABB Total flow.*
* *Managed and supported instrument technicians for the maintenance and troubleshooting of control systems and utilization of key equipment.*
* *Maintained full compliance with regulations, standards, specifications, and best practice guidelines with a special emphasis on health, safety, and the environment.*
* *Promoted team effort and collaboration between Operations, Engineering, and projects groups.*
* *Maintained the quality, integrity, and timeliness of all scheduled work.*

**Automation Specialist • Instrumentation & Electrical Technician II**

March 2017 to April 2020 • **SemGroup Corporation** • Tulsa, OK

**Handpicked to drive full-scope automation projects at the corporate level**, providing automation expertise in support of new and existing Oil & Gas projects and maintenance activities, while managing key contractors remotely.

* *Transitioned from a localized into a centralized model for automation projects; collaborating with engineers and end users to facilitate automation initiatives at scale.*
* *Spearheaded a major regulatory project; introducing automation innovations to control project costs and drive efficiencies.*
* *Worked with project stakeholders to develop automation project timelines and milestones, while tracking project costs and schedule.*
* *Carried out a complete range of operational assignments of routine-to-moderate complexity related to the installation, integration, maintenance and repair of the instrumentation, electronic systems and equipment that control pipeline operations.*
* *Executed strategic automation initiatives for a new 24-inch gas pipeline; helping maintain and drive automation for a 400 million cubic feet capacity plant.*
* *Ensured all executed work complies with electrical codes, safety rules, and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) regulations and requirements.*
* *Promoted to Automation Specialist after 2 years in recognition of dynamic job performance.*

**Surveillance Manager | Gaming Systems Manager**

October 2012 to March 2017 **• Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma •** McLoud, OK

**Led a team of 30 direct reports with accountability for protecting all Casino assets**, maintaining surveillance equipment, administering a $1M surveillance budget, recruiting for key positions, and maintaining the integrity of gaming utilizing strategic surveillance equipment combined with floor observations.

* *Rewrote surveillance manuals, establishing new SOPs and best practice guidelines.*
* *Updated the Tribal Internal Controls Standards, aligning it with National Indian Gaming Commission regulations.*
* *Managed the surveillance system to effectively eliminate blind spots.*
* *Managed Gaming Commissions Computers and Networks.*
* *Designed and updated the surveillance system including 6 Microsoft Windows Servers, 7 Cisco Switches, 400 IP Cameras, 5 Surveillance Workstation and 3 remote viewing stations.*

**Project Manager**

July 2008 to August 2012 **• GOCS inc. •** Shawnee, OK

**Managed all company projects, from scope creation to completion.** Utilizing Agile and Waterfall Methodologies. Tracked two install teams with multiple projects at a time. Managed all resources, budgets, and risks. Coordinated stakeholder management, training, and handoffs.

* *Managed network domain, active directory, fileserver creation project for Shawnee Housing Authority.*
* *Microsoft servers with Hyper v with failover and Terminal service projects for certified public accountants.*
* *Computer and Networks infrastructure project for school districts.*
* *Surveillance and access control projects for small businesses and casinos.*

***Education & Certifications***

**Gordon Cooper Technology Center •** *Network Systems Technology Certificate*

**CompTIA •** *A+ Certified Professional*

**PMI •** *Certified Associate in Project Management,* ***CAPM***

**PMI •** *Project Management Professional,* ***PMP***

**PMI •** *Disciplined Agile Scrum Master,* ***DASM***