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**C O N S T R U C T I O N   P R O F E S S I O N A L**

**Results oriented construction professional with 21 years of comprehensive experience in the construction industry with in-depth understanding of safety regulations and directing labor in standard safety training and implementation. Verifiable track record for successful completion of residential, commercial, and military base construction projects through coordinating trades, and by building positive rapport with architects, engineers, local officials, vendors, subcontractors, and clients while adhering to schedule and maintaining costs. Versed in contract negotiations, project estimating, impending design problems, document preparation, building code and regulations, material purchasing, and site management. Skilled in developing effective processes and directing complex logistical functions for mission essential initiatives.**

- Budget Analysis
- Construction Planning and Scheduling
- Critical Path Project Management
- Estimating and Job Costing
- MS Office Suite
- Negotiations
- Permitting and Building Code
- Process Development and Implementation
- Quality Assurance / Quality Control
- Safety and Regulatory Compliance
- Site Management Oversight
- Vendor and Materials Management

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Provides technical supervision, administrative and logistics leadership in planning, directing, coordinating, and evaluating a broad range of construction services with major responsibilities of developing strategic and tactical plans.
- Comprehensive knowledge involved with every phase of the commercial construction process including ordering and receiving, design and layout, labor management and customer service.
- Expertise in technical strategy, planning, and execution with demonstrated abilities in developing innovative performance solutions and providing strategic direction and operational oversight.
- Dedicated to enhancing construction services through compliance-based mission critical initiatives that fosters respect and drives healthy corporate revenue growth and profitability.
- Effective at negotiating with sub-contractors and vendors, managing contracts, establishing schedules, maintaining safety and environmental requirements.
- Experienced in reviewing and monitoring cost and man-hour budget for construction process and developing a staff, facilities, equipment, and tool requirement plan needed for the project.\_\_\_\_\_
- Excels at coordinating tasks of numerous internal divisions and external agencies to ensure rapid, accurate delivery of equipment, materials, and resources.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PAE Government Services - Baghdad, Iraq

Feb 2015 - Present

### **Finish Carpenter**

- Possess an active top secret clearance
- Construction of Embassy and Diplomatic Center.
- Design, construct, remodel, retrofit and repair interior and exterior structures made of wood, drywall, plaster, concrete and brick, and steel.
- Maintain effective, timely and respectful communications and interactions with customers, other departments, managers, and support other organizations.
- Perform administrative tasks including materials ordering, stock inventories, and work scheduling..
- Collect, analyze and summarize data for reports preparation and submit written reports.
- Good organizational and communication skills with the ability to exercise sound judgment and make decisions independently..

Honeywell International - Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan

Sept 2013 - Oct 2014

### **Carpenter**

- Design and construct boxes, crates, skids, shoring, dunnage, panels, building partitioned walls, and other wood structures.
- Packaging and crating of military equipment.
- Develop designs, make models and computations relating to crate work.
- Adhere to and encourage job related safety. Attend regular safety briefings conducted by HSE.
- Provide carpentry, locksmith, roofing, and furniture building expertise to facilities.
- Develop and submit selection of materials, tools, to accomplish tasks as required. Order supplies as needed.
- receive work requests, develop schedules, and work in conjunction with other woodworkers.

Fluor Government Group – FOB Joyce, Afghanistan

Aug 2011 – May 2013

### **Lead Carpenter**

- Provides carpentry trade expertise for various construction projects for a large government contractor that specializes in engineering, procurement, construction, and maintenance operations.

- Orchestrated letter of technical direction inspections and submitted talks for new project logistics and timelines, as well as preventive maintenance inspections assigned to carpentry shop.
- Optimized project planning and control through proficiency with IBM Maximo asset management system that enabled greater asset deployment, costing, and tracking capabilities.
- Demonstrated impressive organization skills and attention to detail by learning and adhering to government compliance policies, procedures, and remaining current with enormous record keeping and paperwork responsibilities.
- Train local and other country nationals in carpentry skills, language, and computer usage.

Tancor Construction, Inc. – Eagan, MN

Jun 2005 – Aug 2011

### **President / Owner**

- Supervised and scheduled up to 25 employees and sub-contractors; established performance standards and evaluated the performance of subordinate employees.
- Managed value-engineering process with client to ensure modifications to project specifications continued to meet project goals and client expectations; secured all required permit approvals.
- Provided technical and administrative supervision to planning & design, progressive use of technology, including use of computer models to prepare detailed specifications, product information and bids for client review.
- Planned and lay out work using blueprints, specifications, drawings and work orders.
- Successfully bid and negotiated contracts of up to \$250,000 – up to 50 jobs per year; estimated resource needs and duration of activities in the project processes; built and maintained a coordinated schedule of project activities.
- Managed residential and commercial construction projects, including single-family homes, studios and office space, and multi-unit housing.
- Maintained safety standards and procedures. Maintained track record for quality work and effective project management; ensured projects were completed on schedule and within budget.
- Supervised and provided expertise to workers in construction, and remodeling.
- Conducted daily inspections of jobs to ensure work was performed to specifications; investigated problems and issues and devised effective solutions.
- Consistently performed follow-up customer satisfaction reviews to identify opportunities to improve service or procedures.
- Hired, trained and supervised construction workers and subcontractors; disciplined and/or terminated employees when necessary.

### **Foreman / Construction Manager**

2000 – 2005

- Managed residential and commercial construction projects, including single-family homes, studios and office space, and multi-unit housing; estimated resource needs and duration of activities in the project processes; built and maintained a coordinated schedule of project activities.
- Maintained safety standards and procedures. Consulted with clients on progress and issues; developed and implemented solutions to resolve problems; maintained track record for quality work and effective project management; ensured projects were completed on schedule and within budget.
- Attended continuing education classes to increase knowledge of foundations, framing, cement, wood construction, weatherization of materials, energy optimization practices, and estimating.

### **Carpenter**

1994 – 2000

- Completed design and construction on new homes, and light commercial projects; constructed custom residential and commercial remodels.
- Constructed custom staircases, including partial flights, and spiral staircases; installed framing, doors, windows, siding, decking, drywall, taping, cabinetry, finish trim and paint; constructed decks, additions, new homes, and commercial office spaces.
- Remodeled numerous kitchens, and bath projects. Fabricated displays; constructed or altered structures or frameworks including stairways, columns, beams, trusses, rafters, and roofs; remodeled

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or constructed additions to structures or buildings; installed new, or removed existing partitions, walls, doors, windows, cabinets and other attached equipment when necessary; fabricated counter tops; laid out and installed floor and ceiling tiles; repaired and maintained doors.

## **E D U C A T I O N**

### **Bachelors Degree in Political Science/Economics**

St. Cloud State University – St. Cloud, MN

## **Certifications**

### **Licensed Building Contractor**

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry