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**Accounting Manager Profile**

Analytical and detailed-oriented professional with comprehensive experience in public accounting tax and audit, financial analysis, and business consulting. Highly skilled in accounting and bookkeeping, tax preparation and planning, financial statement and disclosure preparation, and project management. Adept at building and maintaining productive relationships with multiple clients. Critical thinker and problem-solver with expertise in identifying troublesome areas and employing corrective measures. Demonstrated ability to closely examine financial statements and other financial data to confirm accuracy. Instrumental in directing, supporting, and mentioning the cross-functional teams to deliver exceptional performance. Exhibit excellent communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills at all levels. ***Proven expertise in:***

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| * Financial Reporting * Project Management * Tax Preparation * Auditing | * Financial Analysis & Modelling * Budgeting & Forecasting * Process Improvement * Variance Analysis |

**Professional Experience**

TCF Capital Solutions – A division of TCF Financial Corporation (TCB), Minnetonka, MN

**Financial Analyst IV and Officer,** Nov 2010 – Present

*Evaluate and assess lease commencements, financial statements, and month-end closings.*

Plan, create, and review monthly, quarterly, and annual reports as well as ensure accuracy of financial information. Collect required information to generate financial reports and scrutinize debt and non-recourse sale reporting. Accomplish all assigned tasks in an efficient manner such as preparing technical accounting memos, examining early estimates, monitoring SOX control, implementing U.S. GAAP, and transactional pricing and forecasting. Demonstrate broad scope of industry knowledge while executing lease and revenue recognition accounting, hedging and foreign currency accounting, and lease economics (lessor) and pricing.

***Key Contributions:***

* Supervised and managed special project accounting functions and delivered active functional support throughout the audit process.
* Ensured accuracy and completeness while reviewing 10K/Q reports and taking appropriate initiatives to streamline external and regulatory financial reporting.
* Directed and managed overall activities related to the upgrade and management of accounting software and ERP project.
* Spearheaded planning and implementation of ASC 842 lease accounting standards.
* Utilized key skills and knowledge while working on preparing and evaluating account reconciliations, forecasting, ad-hoc reporting, and general accounting.

LB Carlson, Plymouth, MN

**Senior Accountant,** Nov 2006 – Oct 2010

Rendered expert services as a senior accountant; gathered required information to prepare, organize, and review tax returns and tax planning of individual, non-profit, fiduciary, partnership, and corporate entities.

Compiled and analyzed financial information to record asset, liability, revenue, and expenses entries. Documented financial transactions to create a record of financial transactions for various uses. Provided expert business consulting services to various clients.

***Key Contributions:***

* Oversaw and directed activities related to internal and external audits to ensure compliance.
* Focused on strengthening internal controls by developing and documenting business processes and accounting policies.

**Education and Certification**

**Bachelor of Science in Accounting,** Metropolitan State University, St Paul, MN

**Bachelor of Science in Business Management,** St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN; AACSB Accredited

**Active Certified Public Accountant;** Minnesota License #25634

**TRAINING**

Presented continuing professional education educational courses while at LB Carlson **|** Earned at least 40 hours per year of United States GAAP, tax, ethics, software, and personal development continuing professional education courses while at LB Carlson and TCF Capital Solutions **|** Attended the annual Equipment Leasing and Finance Association Lease and Finance Accountants Conference 2016-2019 **|** Attended leadership training programs given by TCF Financial Corporation **|** A current member of the finance leadership group TCF Capital Solutions

**MEMBERSHIPS**

An active member of the manufacturing marketing group and Printing Industry of Minnesota trade association while at LB Carlson

Member and leader of special project teams at TCF Capital Solutions

Member of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants from 2011-2015

Member of the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association.

Former Cub Scout Den Leader and current Cub Scout and Boy Scout Treasurer

**TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES**

10-key, Checkpoint Accounting Research, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Word, Leasewave, Business Objects, Essbase, Management Reporter, Dynamics GP, Peoplesoft, and PDFlyer