**Leonard D. Powell, CPA**

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**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

 Innovative, results oriented finance and accounting executive possessing a unique blend of financial expertise, operational perspective, exceptional communication and leadership skills

 Certified Public Accountant with Big 4, Fortune 500 and privately held company experience

 Strategic Finance & Accounting Executive with a history of successfully leading and developing accounting, financial reporting, forecasting and planning, and pricing and analysis teams as well as providing hands on participation when needed

 Strong business partner to senior executives and cross-functional organizations to set & drive business objectives which optimize profitability, business controls, and performance with an enterprise level perspective

 Strong interpersonal skills interacting with management and staff at all levels to accomplish goals in a cooperative manner as well as maintain outstanding relationship with lenders and outside vendors and customers

**CORE COMPETENCIES**

12 years of CFO experience in a complex, multi-site business with a high volume of transactions.

Experience leading a company from $30 to $200 million in revenue

Experience presenting financial and operational information to Board of Directors, investors and lenders

Budgeting, Forecasting, Cost Control

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

EASTWOOD CONSTRUCTION, Charlotte, NC **1998-2010**

**Chief Financial Officer/Vice President**

Responsible for all financial and accounting responsibilities, in accordance with GAAP and an integral part of the Senior Level management team making daily decisions that affected operations and profitability of the organization. Developing and maintaining company documentation and guidelines.

* Performed monthly and quarterly analysis on financial statements and operational results, comparing actuals to budget and prior year’s performance. Performed quarterly reviews with Division Presidents and management personnel summarizing fluctuations and trends. Providing feedback and guidance to management so they could adjust their business practices to achieve corporate and division goals. Reconciled all accounts and variances.
* Budget and forecasting process with timely update and dissemination of information to divisional and corporate personnel to quickly respond to changing market place.
* Prepare monthly, quarterly and annual reports and financial statements for both internal and external users. Prepare ad hoc reports to investigate unusual items and trends and to create “what-if” scenarios to help guide business decisions.
* Coordinate all audit support, documentations and reviews with outside auditors. Review audit reports and footnotes prepared by auditors for accuracy. Ensure the integrity of all data.
* Responsible for Human Resources, payroll processing, and 401K and medical benefit plans.
* Training and development of staff with strong encouragement for personal growth.
* Also performed CFO duties for sister companies of Eastwood Development (a land development company) and Clinchfield Capital (a mortgage origination company).

INSIGNIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC, Greenville, SC **1997-1998**

**Accounting Manager**

* Supervised staff of six auditors and accountants who prepared financial statements for property owners and investors as part of firm’s property management team.
* Served on various committees implementing new computerized software systems. Participated in national beta test to submit HUD filings via the Internet. Only 1 of 3 to successfully complete submission.

CENTEX HOMES, Columbia, SC & Titusville, FL**1987-1997**

**Division Controller**

* Performed all accounting and human resource activities at the division level

HARCOURT BRACE JOVANOVICH, Orlando, FL**1986-1987**

**Senior Internal Auditor**

* Exposure to Insurance, Hospitality Industry and Publishing

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & COMPANY, Louisville, Kentucky**1983-1986**

**Senior Auditor**

* Experience included banks, education, utilities, real estate, manufacturers, energy

**EDUCATION**

BS in Accounting, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

CPA —North Carolina, Florida & Kentucky

Brokers Real Estate License — NC and SC

Notary Public — North Carolina

**SOFTWARE SKILLS**

Timberline Accounting Software, Quickbooks

Excel, Word, Access, Powerpoint (Microsoft Suite) ADP & Ultimate Software (Payroll Processing)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

NPower—Finance committee (Non-Profit provider of IT services to other Non-Profits)