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# **EXPERIENCE:**

***June 2011* Election Systems and Software, National Director**

***To December 2011* Electronic Ballot Access**

Serve as National Director for Electronic Ballot Access and a Product Specialist for the promotion, marketing and sales of a software solution that allows absentee ballot access for Military and Overseas voters. Developed an extensive sales and marketing campaign, as well as supporting logo and marketing materials. Responsible to oversee the sales campaign and introduce to state and local officials who administer absentee ballots.

***August 2003* Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services, National Practice Leader**

***To May 2011* State and Local Government Division**

Served as a Practice Leader - Subject Matter Expert, Functional Manager and Client Relationship Manager. Responsible for the sales, strategy, marketing, and product branding, for the delivery of web-based software systems designed for public sector compliance, as well as the international marketplace. Serve as Subject Matter Expert to ensure that all state and federal election laws and regulations are met within the system functionality. Additionally, As the Client Relationship Manager, I built and maintained the client/vendor team to foster a high level relationship that is so very important in any project. I was responsible for all sales efforts, RFP response management and ‘add on’ sales efforts. I have been responsible for successful projects in thirteen different states.

***March 1994*** **Office of the Secretary of the State, Director of Elections**

***To August 2003*** **State of Connecticut**

Managed a staff of sixteen people. Administered, interpreted, and implemented all aspects of State and Federal laws pertaining to elections, voter registration, and campaign finance. Maintained the integrity of the election process and implemented all statutory requirements. Drafted and submitted legislative initiatives for and during the legislative sessions. Responsible for voting equipment certification and associated state regulations. Oversaw the elections-related responsibilities of 169 Town Clerks and 344 Registrars of Voters throughout the state, as well as approximately 800 campaign finance treasurers. Coordinated and conducted four election official conferences yearly. Project Management of web-based computer systems designed for voter registration, elections administration and campaign finance disclosure filings.

**EDUCATION:**

**University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut**

1980 BA Degree - Major - Business Administration, Minor - Political Science

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**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**State of Connecticut Judicial Review Council**

* Appointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell in March 2006
* Served 2006 - 2010

**President, Eighth Utilities District of Manchester, Connecticut**

* Elected to fourteen consecutive terms, 1990 to 2004.
* Chair the legislative body of a political subdivision that encompasses approximately 1/3 of the Town of Manchester, CT. Oversee the Fire Department, Fire Marshals Office, Administrative Department and the Public Works Department.

**Board of Directors, Eighth Utilities District**

* Elected, 1988 to 1990, Served as Public Works Commissioner, 1988 to 1989

**Board of Directors (Legislative Body), Town of Manchester, Connecticut**

* Served two consecutive terms, 1982 to 1986

**Board of Selectmen, Town of Manchester, Connecticut**

* Elected, 1980 to 1982

**International Election Outreach and Assistance**

* June 1995 - Attended *UNIORE* conference in Ottawa, Canada. This group consists of election officials from North, South and Central America.
* September 1998 - One of 55 Americans who participated in an Election observation mission for the parliamentary elections in the country of Slovakia.
* June 2001 - One of a team of 155, of which 50 were Americans who participated in an election observation mission for the parliamentary elections in the country of Albania.
* April 2003 - One of approximately 100 Americans who participated in an Election observation mission for the presidential election in Nigeria.

**National Association of State Election Directors (NASED)**

* Member, March 1994 to August 2003
* Executive Board, February 1995 to August 2003
* Served as Association President, 1999-2000

**References available upon request**