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Potential Client,

I would love to join the team to deliver actionable objective insights to leadership teams. I have years of experience in technical product leadership leading teams at both the C-Suite and tactical levels. I believe that listening, being responsive to your customer and team, along with meeting challenges as opportunities, creates an energy and excitement that leads to success.

In 2022 I was recognized with the Federal 100 award as one of the most influential in Government IT for creating the vision and establishing the DAF's Data Fabric. This was accomplished through leading a global team of data engineering, data science, & AI experts, strategic requirements teams, and finance teams while working remotely as the Director of Data Capabilities for the Department of the Air Force in DC.

My 20 years of experience in the United States Air Force has been built on enabling cross-functional teams through collaboration and innovation to pursue a common vision. I've lead numerous software development programs for the F-16, F-22, F-35 and KC-10, along with implementation of IBM's Maximo, in addition to many other technical leadership roles as a director and senior technical program manager. I have worked closely with CDOs, CTOs, CSOs and more C-Suite leaders advising them on IT and Data technologies. I have loved this opportunity to learn and look forward to continuing this with your team.

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RON SYNAKOWSKI

Leadership Partner

United States Air Force Officer *2004 – Present*

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20+ YEARS IN LEADERSHIP

Experienced Technical Program Manager leading engineers, data scientists, AI/ML teams, contracting, legal & sustainment teams to meet and exceed customer requirements. Have led global and international teams of 40 up to 1,600 with impact to more than 400k members. Ability to communicate, set vision, and lead high-performing teams through high-stakes engagements. Quick learner in dynamic environments working across many verticals: material science, nuclear forensics, aviation, law enforcement, small businesses, and more. Proven-success in enterprise architecture and solution design with DAF's Data Fabric. Passion for innovation, great design, and customer success. 13+ years in CPI at Black Belt level. Expert on Air Force, especially Air Force Material Command. 7 years working in DC on Acquisition, Data, and Congressional.

HONORS

2022 Federal 100 Award
FCW – Influencers in IT
2022 – Washington D.C.

PANELS

Gov Exec
Potomac Officers Club

SKILLS

Leadership & Mentorship
Change management
User-centered Design & Empathy
CPI – GB Cert/BB Trained since 2011
Strategy, Vision, & Tactical Execution
Digital Transformation & Innovation
Agile Scrum - Jira
Product, Program, & Risk management

EDUCATION

Air Command & Staff College
(1 Year Leadership School)
Defense Acquisition University
PM & Engineering Level III
University of TN –Black-belt Course
MBA Webster University - 2011
BS - Computer Engineering
Syracuse University -2004

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Deputy Commander for Mission Support @ Tinker Air Force Base – 1600 Direct/ Impact to 90k

- Co-led Center of Automation stand-up; delivered successful law enforcement machine-learning web-app; saving $5-7M per year in lost production time.

United States Air Force's Director of Data Capabilities – 12 Direct / Impact to 473k Airmen & Civilians

- Led requirement-based enterprise data investment review, securing $282M for first enterprise data layer (DAF Data Fabric) and *unifying support of CIO, CDO, CSO, & CAO through glass-doors executive coordination.*
- *Led United States Air Force's 1st ever data investment review* consisting of a technical, future requirements, and budget review teams across global teams, reviewing 13 enterprise data solutions and $100+ million in data & IT investments resulting in identification and scaling of 6 functional big data platforms curbing future duplicative spend and setting a vision for United States Air Force's Data Fabric.
- *Orchestrated agreement between CIO, CDO, and Logistics 3-Star General* on way ahead for Air Force's billion-dollar logistics data domain resulting in clear enterprise direction for the department's enterprise logistics domain.

KC-10 Aerial Refueling Tanker Director of Operations – 44 members / Impact to fleet of 59 aircraft

- Negotiated international primary station of repair change for $1B engine maintenance contract & depot overhaul for 204 KC-10 engines resulting in higher quality repairs as seen in improved exhaust gas temperatures (EGT)
- *Resolved fleet-wide slide-raft evacuation issue* by navigating layers of sub-contractors to coordinate with primary parts vendors to restore FAA certification safety levels for the fleet from 50% failures and flight limitations to full operational capability.

KC-135 Aerial Refueling Tanker Director of Logistics – 38 members / Impact to fleet of 396 aircraft

- *Reached record depot throughput levels for KC-135 aerial refueling tankers.* Increased capability from 69 to 76 aircraft yearly even faced with a doubled work-package from 20k work hour to 40k hour overhaul per aircraft. Enterprise level Process Improvement made this a success for our program office, depot & 33 Air Force bases.

Center CPI Lead & Process Engineer – 9 members / Impact to 1k member Center

- Implemented IBM's Maximo Maintenance Resource Planning IT system for global seismic maintenance and repair coordination, succeeding where *previous team had failed twice to execute.*

Full chronological resume available on: https://www.linkedin.com/in/ron-synakowski/

Multi-faceted director with expertise in:

Program and Project Management - Team Leadership
Communication - Process Improvement – Innovation – Data, AI & Automation

CHRONOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

DEPUTY COMMANDER, 72d Mission Support Group   **Jun 2022 – Present**
United States Air Force, Tinker Air Force Base, OK

Leading a 1600-member organization responsible for security, logistics, and force support of Tinker AFB and the 27k member workforce, to include support to a total of 90k military families and retirees.

- Lead for Digital Air Base Wing Transformation for creative development acting as a digital innovation consultant to bring IT solutions to Air Base Wing Commander utilizing ML/AI to predict wait-times at gate to save $5-7M per year in lost production time, working with Secretary of Transportation and his Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) team.
- Secured $45M via Under Secretary of the Air Force for Child Development Center replacement.
- Revamped Bowling Center Sales to bring back into the black, despite $15/hour minimum wage increase for all Federal employees.
- Working with Mid-West City Manager, Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, etc. on securing Defense $$s for local YMCA renovation to provide further support activities for community and military families.

Director of Data Capabilities, Chief Data and AI Office   **Jun 2020 – Jun 2022**
United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

- 12 Direct team members / Impact to 473k Airmen & Civilians
- Led DAF's 1st ever data investment review consisting of a technical, future requirements, and budget review teams across all Major Commands, reviewing 13 enterprise data solutions and $100+ million in data & IT investments resulting in identification of 6 big data platforms.
- Secured $282M in HQ budget for DAF's first data layer (DAF Data Fabric) by leading SECAF's enterprise data investment review and unifying support of CSAF, CIO, CDO, CSO, CAO & USSF through glass-doors executive coordination resulting in initial DAF enterprise configuration control.
- **Won Fed 100 in 2022 for this work.**

Deputy Director of Strategy, Chief Data Office   **Jun 2019 – Jun 2020**
United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

- First Active-Duty officer in stand-up of new Department of Air Force Headquarters Chief Data Office, drafting first ever Mission Directives and DAF Policy Docs.

- Orchestrated one of first DAF Data Summits with participation from Office of Secretary of Defense, Army, and Navy.

Director of Operations, KC-10 Aerial Refueling Tankers   Jul 2017 – Jun 2019
United States Air Force, Tinker Air Force Base, OK

- Led 44-member team of program managers, engineers, logisticians and trainers, overseeing FAA-certified modifications & sustainment for 59 KC-10aircraft fleet with a $424M budget per year.
- Negotiated international primary station of repair change for $1B engine maintenance contract & depot overhaul for 204 KC-10 engines resulting in higher quality repairs as seen in improved exhaust gas temperatures (EGT).
- Employed analytic skills to resolve fleet-wide CSAF level slide-raft evacuation issue to restore full mission effectiveness & FAA certification restoring fleet from 50% failures and flight limitations to full operational capability.

Director of Logistics, KC-135 Aerial Refueling Tankers   Jul 2015 – Jun 2017
United States Air Force, Tinker Air Force Base, OK

- Led 38 personnel and managed $762M per year in depot overhauls executing the programmed depot maintenance plan for the USAF's 396 KC-135 tanker fleet to provide quick response to 33 customer field units around the globe.
- Reached record depot throughput levels for KC-135s. Increased throughput from 69 to 76 aircraft yearly even faced with aging aircraft requiring double the hours in overhauls per aircraft.

Lead R&D and Test Budget Programmer, SAF/AQ   Dec 2013 – Aug 2015
United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

- Oversaw $12.3B AF efficiency & transparency reporting as primary AF lead with OSD to Congress. Created AF messaging for AF Executive C-Suite leaders on $40B in technology acquisitions for interaction w/ Congress.

Special Forces Contract Support Quality Oversight, DCMA   Apr 2013 – Nov 2013
United States Air Force, Kandahar, Afghanistan

- Quality lead, managed 6 member contracting team across 7 sites for $72M of services during OEF, providing base support services to Special Forces camps across the Kandahar region.

Inter-agency Location Chief, AF Technical Applications Center   Sep 2011 – Nov 2012
United States Air Force, Washington D.C.

- Critical roles in classified U.S. Vice President support roles as liaison to Air Staff, Joint Staff, OSD, etc. on Nuclear Treaty Monitoring.

Director of CPI for Lean/Six Sigma, AF Technical Applications Center   May 2010 – Jun 2011
United States Air Force, Patrick Air Force Base, FL

- Established center-wide Lean/Six Sigma Program and led metrics-based strategic plan with tactical alignment and flexibility for process-based leadership.

Engineering Process Developer, AF Technical Applications Center   Jun 2008 – May 2010
United States Air Force, Patrick Air Force Base, FL

- Implemented IBM's Maximo Maintenance Resource Planning system for global seismic maintenance and repair coordination – succeeding where two other teams had failed!

F-16 & F-22 Project Manager, Electronic Systems Center   Jun 2006 – Jun 2008
United States Air Force, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA

- Gained senior leader approval for deployment of $50M+ USAF & European Partner Air Forces mission planning software system. Managed cost, schedule, and performance priorities utilizing risk management translating Air Combat Command user requirements into the next generation mission planning software.

Computer Engineer, AF Research Laboratory   Jun 2004 – Jun 2006
United States Air Force, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA

- Saved material scientists hundreds of hours in data collection by coding analog to digital data collection and hardware control software programs for material research in support of new substrate growth methodologies for GaN, GaAs, & AlN.