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I have over a decade of Talent Acquisition and consulting experience, including project staffing, RPO (Recruitment Process Optimization) and executive search. I am keenly aware of the challenges that face organizations, both in the acquisition and retention of human capital. In addition to candidate selection, I also handle the analysis of corporate recruiting methodologies; deliver recruiter training, HR process and ATS (Applicant Tracking System) implementation, vendor selection/utilization evaluation, and vendor management initiatives.

Effective execution of HR processes, including talent acquisition and development, leadership development review, performance management, diversity, salary planning, etc.

* Participated in continuous improvement within Business Unit (HR/TA) using Six Sigma Processes (primarily Kaizen)
* Familiar with: Human Resource Policies and Procedures. Implementing and/or maintained: AAP.EEOC, OFCCP.OSHA, FMLA, FLSA, and ERISA.
* Familiar with Labor Relations and Employee Relations.
* Created, implemented, and trained Employees/Management on many programs. Such as: ERIP, Orientation, Interviewing ‘do’s and don’ts” Behavioral and Passive, Employee Communications, Performance/Reward Programs, University Relations, Diversity, etc.

**Expertise in the following ATS’s:**

Taleo, BrassRing/ Kenexa, Bullhorn, SAP, iCIMS and many others

Additional Expertise in Social Networking, Boolean Strings and Syntax Searches

**SUMMARY**

Full-cycle recruiting in corporate and field recruiting, demonstrate excellent relationship building, negotiation, time management, communication and problem-solving skills in a fast-paced environment, excellent customer service skills with candidates and all levels of management. Full Responsibility for Talent Acquisition requests, develop and execute sourcing strategies and screen candidates from a variety of sources; including cold-call passive talent, to fill positions. Work with recruiters on team to execute sourcing strategies, source, and screen candidates.

Non-technical skills include: Excellent oral and written communication, very results oriented - determining strategy and delivering on time. Good leadership skills and the ability to work independently. A team player and work well with others.

**Technical Recruiting Expertise in the following Industries and their disciplines:**

Information Technologies/ Engineering in Consumer Electronics/Aerospace & Defense/Automotive

Mechanical Engineers/Electrical Engineers/Manufacturing/System Engineers, Software etc.

**Recruiting expertise of Exempt and Non-Exempt;** Administrative, Sales, Trades, General Management, Operations, Corporate Financial/Accounting, etc.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

2020 – Present **Strategic Recruiting Consultant, Brandes and Associates, Inc. (BAI) – Defense Group**

Brandes Associates Inc., a small business, has provided high quality engineering and program support to our customers in the Department of Defense.

(BAI) has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) to provide developmental and engineering support services for advanced naval aviation systems. Under this contract, BAI will provide development, integration, and test of aviation mission planning products such as Naval Mission Planning Systems, Navy Tactical Aircraft, Joint Mission Planning Systems (Marine, Expeditionary, and legacy variants), emerging technology mission management capabilities, defensive electronic warfare libraries and all associated mission planning and control systems and subsystems.

As a Strategic Recruiting Consultant, I specialize in acquiring Cleared SMEs in EWS, providing the highest quality of systems engineering, program management and acquisition support, technology insertion, software development, as well as subject matter expertise in mission planning, avionics, intelligence products, financial management, unmanned systems, and FMS.

(ATS: iCIMS)

2018 – 2019 **Sr. Technical Recruiter (Engineering)**, **Butler Aerospace and Defense**

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2016 – 2018 **Sr. Talent Acquisition Specialist,** **Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems- Defense Electronics Systems Division**

Confer with hiring leaders and Human Resource business partners to identify talent needs, as well as build and execute appropriate recruitment strategies

Understand business strategy and operational goals

Develop thoughtful, comprehensive, position-specific search strategies that incorporate best practice recruiting methods

Ensure an understanding of job duties, responsibilities and business requirements for positions that require recruitment

Develop and maintain strong working relationships with hiring managers

Review resumes and credentials for appropriate skills, experience, and knowledge in relation to position requirements

Pre-qualify candidates and develop interview slates

Manage and coordinate all communication with candidates, including interview preparation, process overview, setting expectations, post-offer discussions, closing, offer letter review and general on-boarding

Explain compensation and benefits programs

Collaborate with the HR service center and hiring managers to develop and execute an effective, efficient on-boarding process for each new hire

Maintain accurate documentation on all recruiting activities

Ensure compliance in the selection process and apply knowledge of OFCCP/EEO guidelines

Full life-cycle recruitment of technical professionals

Expert level knowledge in all full life cycle recruiting components including, but not limited to: sourcing, qualifying, networking, assessing, job analysis, wage and salary trends, and relationship management

Implement/ Enforce OFCCP/EEO guidelines and how it applies to the recruitment cycle

Proven experience with creative sourcing (social media, online job boards, etc.)

Proficiency in personal computer use (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)

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Administrative, Sales, Trades, General Management, Operations, Corporate Financial/Accounting, etc.

Average Req. Load - 30

ATS: Peoplefluent/ Taleo

**2015- 2016 District Recruiter, AlliedBarton Security Services**

Full life cycle recruitment, for the San Fernando Valley, Conejo Valley, Tri-Counties (Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles), Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley (including Lancaster/Palmdale) and Bakersfield.

Support the Hiring Managers for AlliedBarton's Thousand Oaks/Bakersfield District by sourcing and recruiting candidates: source through various means candidates for hourly and exempt positions.

Develop strong relations, with regards to the Talent, with both the Hiring Managers and Talent. Striving to achieve a high retention rate. As well as, stronger knowledge in the hiring needs of Hiring Managers Site's

Create pre-screening questions to filter out unqualified candidates

Source available talent databases, utilize internal referrals, connect with developed community contacts for candidates

Maintain compliance by reviewing requisitions, creating jobs, launching jobs, documenting status of applicants and closing jobs. Average Requisition Load - 50.

ATS: iCIMS

2014 to 2015 **Corporate Recruiter**, **Advanced Structural Alloys**

Drive and manage the staffing process to ensure functional excellence and continuous improvement

Develop, execute, and maintain candidate pipelines and sourcing plans based on business and hiring needs

Develop and execute a plan of action to acquire passive candidates.

Lead intake meetings and data integration meetings and actively participate in requisition reviews

Match skills and experiences listed on resumes to available job openings

Recommend screened and qualified candidates for interviews

Collaborate with hiring managers on sourcing action plans and candidate assessment and selection

Created, Implemented and trained hiring managers and other human resource consultants, the following processes and projects: Cost-effective approach regarding; ATS’s, Job Boards, On-boarding, Employee Referral Program(s), Interviewing (behavioral/passive) and University/College/ Trade relations

Establish and manage staffing process expectations and service standards with hiring managers and HR Manager.

Serve as point of contact for candidates throughout the staffing process

Vendor Management

Use effective communication approaches that include proactively keeping others informed, appropriately expressing ideas and thoughts verbally and in written form.

2011 to 2013 **Senior Technical Recruiter, Ingenium Technologies** (formerly NTS)

Ingenium Technologies Corporation (Ingenium) is a leading engineering services organization, providing outsourcing, consulting, and staffing solutions. Ingenium provides a full range of component and system level Design, Analysis, Development, Integration, Operations, Software and Technical Writing expertise.

I was responsible for building the West Coast Region in Talent Acquisition of Engineering SME’s within the Aerospace and Consumer Electronics industries. While developing the West Coast Region, responsibilities include Recruiting at a National Capacity as well.

Building and maintaining strong internal and external networks to proactively identify leads/candidates.

Working directly with the hiring managers, both internal and external, to determine the best strategy for meeting the needs of an individual search by defining the recruitment plan and managing requisitions as assigned (in a timely fashion and as dictated by the company's hiring budget).

Developed On-Boarding Process: managing each candidate's relationship with Ingenium Technologies from application to hire/pass; ensuring timely and informative communication with candidates to keep them informed on their status in the process.

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ATS: MaxHire / Bullhorn

(Remote office – Virtual Capacity)

2008 to 2011 **Engineering Services Corporate Technical Recruiter, National Technical Systems**

**HR Partner:**

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\*\* Additional work history available by request\*

**RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

2016- 2018 Northrop Grumman (Orbital ATK)

Implemented a Recruiting Process, exceeded expectations by obtaining a 47 days’ time -to – fill “hard to find” Talent. Filling on average 100+ per year (60% Engineering)