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Highlights of Qualification

Twenty years experience in private industry and government financial management

Graduate Degree in Financial Management / Administration

former Certified Public Accountant

Significant Experience

Vice President, Business Development, July 2003-Present, Simpler Systems, Inc.

- ♦ Simpler Systems, Inc. is a computer software firm specializing in financial reporting, general ledger, payroll and e-commerce applications for cities, counties, special districts and schools.

Vice President, Business Services, August 1999 – July 2003, Santa Barbara City College

- ♦ Primary leadership role in the following areas: accounting and financing activities (\$80M annual operating budget), union negotiations, bookstore and food service operations, financial systems operation, analysis and process redesign, risk management, purchasing, facilities management (650,000 sq ft), construction, property acquisition, campus security, community relations.
- ♦ Board of Directors, California Association of College Business Officers (ACBO)

Assistant Director, October 1998 – August 1999, General Services Department, County of Santa Barbara, California

- ♦ Executive level responsibilities: Risk Management, through three self-insurance programs for workers' compensation, general liability and medical malpractice. Purchasing: Procurement authority up to \$100 thousand per contract for service agreements and unlimited authority for commodities. Annual purchasing activity over \$50 million on behalf of customer departments. Business Management: Financial oversight of organization-wide activities involving fleet operations, data services, communications, risk management, printing and reprographics, facilities management and capital projects. Combined annual operating budget over \$45 million.

Division Chief, Financial Reporting, Budgeting and Cost Accounting, January 1993 – October 1998, Office of the Auditor-Controller, County of Santa Barbara, California

- ♦ Preparation, publication of the financial statements for the County of Santa Barbara. Government Finance Officer's Association award winner for Financial Reporting for four years. In-depth analysis of 23 departments' budgets and projections of associated expenditures and revenues totaling over \$475 million. Preparation, publication of the Final Budget for the County and all dependent special districts under the control of the Board of Supervisors. Overhead cost allocations. Approval of all fees, cost based reimbursements.

Community Involvement

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District, Board of Directors, September 2003-Present.

Santa Barbara City College, Continuing Education Advisory Council, 2003-Present.

Community Environmental Council, Finance Committee, January 2005-Present.

Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Audit Committee, June 2005-Present.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Treasurer, June 1995 - October 1999.

Giorgi Park Homeowners Association, Treasurer, 1994.

Education

Summer Program, Institute for Education Management,
Graduate School of Education, Harvard University

**MS Financial Management/Administration, Navy Postgraduate School,
Monterey, California**

**BA Liberal Arts and Sciences (Political Science/Economics), University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois**