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**Project Development♦** **PMP♦** **Process Improvements**

PMP certified professionalwith 15 years of leading-edge experience in project development, management, implementation and delivery seeking a role to advance organizational goals and success.

Comprehensive knowledge and hands-on experience in all aspects of supply, procurement, purchasing, logistics.

Outstanding leadership skills in driving multidisciplinary teams in meeting and exceeding operational objectives and challenges, through effective management of project budgets, Cost benefit analysis, ROI, resource management, and process improvements for greater efficiency and productivity.

**Core Strengths**

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| * Portfolio Management * Strategic Planning & Analysis * Risk Mitigation Plans | * Project Engineering * Budgeting/Cost Control/P&L * Operational Development | * Training & Development * Project Integration * Technology Rollouts |

**Professional Experience**

**T-Mobile USA,** Chicago, IL **07/2014 to Current**

**Regional Project Manager, Engineering & Deployment**

* Managing design, installation and rollout of technical projects for T-Mobile in Central region.
* Defining and managing project scope, project schedules, time estimation, cost monitoring and controlling, risk management, project planning & execution, resource planning & management.
* Creating and maintaining project base lines and schedules, WBS, Cost Breakdown Structure (CBS), and Critical Patch Method (CPM) schedule for projects, according to scope of work or contract agreements.
* Preparing/defining Scope of Work and RFP’s for the projects, reviewing Method of Procedure (MOP) with markets and vendors prior to start of project
* Managing planning, design, Integration, pre-launch/ post-launch and deployment activities to final KPI acceptance.
* Working and liaise with regions, vendors/sub-contractors to prepare Bill of materials (BOM), quotations, purchase orders, delivery of the equipment and materials. Tracking orders through Automated Inventory Tracking System (AITS), Logistics and Inventory System (LIS).
* Collaborate with engineers, vendors and subcontractors for complete project rollouts, from site surveys to engineering planning , site construction, built installation, testing and final project acceptance
* Develop and implement project quality plans ensuring project deliverables meet or exceed quality standards.
* Hosting project status and update meetings, and provide regular reports to clients and senior management
* Liaise with local and state regulatory authorities for regulatory compliance

**D & S Consultants Inc.,** Eatontown, NJ **2013-2014**

**Rollout Manager**

* Provided technical consultation services for the implementation of Tetra Land Mobile Radio system including systems and engineering services to Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior (Paramilitary Forces).
* Completed system engineering, site inspections, acceptance testing of Land Mobile radio communication system across East, West and Central provinces of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as per project requirements.
* Upgrade/testing of the Anti-Intrusion system, Remote Public Address & Access Control CCTV systems.
* Site acceptance including verification of site builds as per approved drawings and specs to include civil work, command and control centers, radio & microwave equipment, AC/DC/Generators, verification of antennas/towers, grounding.
* Worked with Motorola and subcontractors to establish Central and regional storage facilities for parts/spares to support the site testing and acceptance. Defined processes and purchased equipment, parts and accessories required to maintain the Telecommunication network and its infrastructure for a rolling one year period.
* Managed engineering and subcontractor resources, and hired engineering personnel to ensure full staffing as per program contract, and developed workflow scheduling for staff rotation. Transformed team into multidisciplinary, high-performing group for successful delivery and execution of project plan
* Provided advice and recommendations to Ministry officials and engineers on range of issues, including management best practices, processes, procedures, quality control, scope and contract management, vendor and sub-contractor qualification and management, risk identification and mitigation plans and strategies.
* Hosting project status meetings and delivering status reports to Program Director, and Project Board.

**Tait Communications,** Houston, TX **2010-2013**

**Project Manager Systems Deployment**

* Delivered multiple client projects, effectively managing multiple project teams.
* Managed engineering project portfolios across continental United States and internationally..
* Successfully managed and delivered the largest private Telecommunication network in North America.
* Managed project operations from end-to-end customer delivery, including RFP review, proposals, network design, logistics, quality control, cost management, implementation and operations.
* Working and Liaise with New Zealand Factory, vendors for the on time delivery of the equipment and material. Working with shipping and customs clearance agencies for on time clearance at US ports and delivery of products and materials received from Factory and manufacturers to designated warehouses.
* Member of PMO team to establish a baseline Project Management Methodology (PMM), supporting processes and templates. Implemented quality control processes to ensure ISO 9001 compliance.
* Acquired new solutions and products after development and testing through commercialization process.
* Managed project budgets, performed cost and margin analysis,ROI, risk and issue management.
* Experienced in entire proposal process including preparing RFPs, RFIs, RFQs, Statement of Work (SOW) and Method of Procedures (MOP). Worked with bid teams, engineering and operations, ensuring a profitable project delivery and solutions consistent with the company’s roadmap/ business objectives.
* Managed project schedules and budgets through documenting change requests, securing approval for changes and documenting approved changes according to project protocols
* Presented monthly and quarterly project status briefings to senior management and project board

**Ericsson,** Pleasanton, CA **2010**

**Customer Project Manager**

* Managed rollout of end-to end project in Northern California market for AT&T wireless
* Led team of engineers and contractors for successful on-time completion of project, and ensured project meets all agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and specifications
* Performed project forecasts, budget and resource planning for successful project completion, using PMO guidelines in compliance with company processes
* Presented project progress, status, budget, and resource utilization reports to senior management
* Joint Project Manager for the customer and Ericsson, and devised vendor performance metrics for validation of network and vendor software and hardware equipment

**Previous Positions: 1985- 2010**

* Senior RF Specialist & Regional Technical Manager, Nokia, TX.
* IBM Canada, Toronto
* O2Wireless Solutions, GA
* Ministry of Interior Saudi Arabia

**Experience Highlights:**

* Regional Manager of West Coast region for the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior(supporting Paramilitary Forces). Managed all aspects of projects culminating 10+ years’ progressive growth and increase in responsibilities.
  + Delivered/managed project schedules, contract negotiation, execution, management, deployment, preventive maintenance, commissioning, system upgrades.
  + Preparation and presentation of project status reports to Ministry’s regional Managers covering project accomplishments, risks, issues, changes, and earned value-based cost/schedule performance.
* Managed and delivered multimillion-dollar turnkey projects internationally and in North America, effectively negotiating through technical, logistic challenges and often disparate priorities of large and diverse stakeholders.
* Program management, preparation of RFP’s, RFI, RFQ’s, contract negotiations, vendor selection, resource planning, project cost estimation, and WBS administration/management.
* Demonstrated success in leading and mentoring cross-functional teams in multicultural environment.
* Managed/led projects and teams for resource utilization and profitability of the cost center/project.
* Managed project scope, schedule, risk analysis & management, project closeouts.
* Worked in electronics manufacturing environment (IBM Canada) with focus on inspection, troubleshooting & repair, failure analysis.
* Managing customers &vendors, participating in process engineering to review issues & refine processes, corrective actions, design/review and implementing new test processes and configurations.

**Education & Training**

**Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics,** NED University of Engineering & Technology

**Certified Project Management Professional (PMP),** Project Management Institute, 2008-2018