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Project Manager

Accomplished professional with an outstanding record of achievement contributing to the success of large-scale public sector projects in North America, South America, and the Middle East. Dedicated leader with proven talent for developing high-performing teams. Personable collaborator who actively liaises with clients throughout projects to forge open communication and easily mediate challenges. Financial-minded, cost-conscious manager dedicated to delivering projects under budget through close monitoring of potential project scope changes. Recognized for implementing effective quality management systems and optimizing efficiency.

Proven expertise in:

- Project Planning & Management
- Construction Administration
- Quality Assurance & Control
- Procurement Management
- Architecture & Urban Planning
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Contractor & Supplier Relations
- Team Training & Leadership

Technical Proficiencies: PCM, PMWeb, NFPA, IBC, ADA, NFPA 101, ASTM, Visio, Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Illustrator

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manens & Tifs – Riyadh, KSA

2015 to Present

Manager, QA/QC/Document Control/Procurement/HSE

Champion full-scale leadership of Total Quality Management System (TQMS), Document Control Department, Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE). Perform systematic procurement review for long lead items, materials, and services at two medical cities (Riyadh and Jeddah) for security forces. Generate excellent analysis to recommend improvements to process and compliance issues after executing comprehensive audits on contractor departments. Provide critical insight regarding mitigation of potential risk through comparison of current progress against forecast for construction, engineering, and procurement deliverables.

Key Contributions:

- Provided stellar leadership throughout construction of two immense medical centers in Riyadh and Jeddah; covered 540k/530k square meters with 1,250 bed capacity, 2,940 housing units and facility buildings.
- Spearheaded oversight of \$10 billion construction program for Ministry of Interior.
- Advocated total alignment with specifications for project scope, schedule, and quality.
- Minimized contract issues for procurement of mechanical equipment, materials, and systems by implementing standardized controls and closely monitoring each phase of the process.
- Designed in-depth evaluation criteria to streamline bidding procedures; implemented Best Value Pre-Qualification Criteria, enabling complete, accurate bidding information.
- Designed OSHA and civil defense compliant HSE management plan, procedures, and audits.

Hill International – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

2012 to 2015

Senior Manager for QA/QC/HSSE Department

Directed implementation and oversight of Total Quality Management System for two medical cities valued at \$6.7 billion. Partnered with project stakeholders to enforce compliance with contract obligations and ensure fulfillment of all assignments. Coached and developed client's engineering team to successfully execute quality assurance, quality control, safety, and construction administration procedures.

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Key Contributions:

- Played vital role in construction of the King Faisal and Prince Mohammed Medical Cities.
- Significantly boosted service quality by planning and co-authoring ISO 9001 Certification.

Forensic Building & Roofing Investigations – Florida, USA

2011 to 2012

Building Consultant

Conducted in-depth assessment of state of construction for buildings, spanning wall components, curtain walls, windows, and interior finishes. Investigated damage from nature or age. Assessed and analyzed roof conditions and the quality of installation in conformance with FBC, NRCA, and SMACNA specifications.

Key Contributions:

- Delivered consultation for numerous projects: Florida International University, Trinity Engineering, PMS Roofing, Avcoa, Needham Roofing, Bentley Bay Towers, and Hillsboro Beach & Yacht Villa.
- Achieved alignment between contractors' work and client's requirements for quality and schedule.

Parsons-Odebrecht, Gral. Contractors JV– Miami, FL

2008 to 2011

Quality Assurance and Control Manager

Substantially reduced non-compliance rates through close oversight of work performed by subcontractors. Decreased installation errors and prevented concealed problems or future setbacks. Administered quality assurance on MEP deficiencies, reinforced concrete, curtain wall, roofing, and interior/exterior finishes.

Key Contributions:

- Led QA/QC for the \$3.5 billion Miami International Airport North Terminal Development Program.
- Supported \$26 million project to construct automated elevated train "people mover" at the Miami International Airport, a major rooftop installation with four stations and mechanical cores.
- Boosted performance of construction team and subcontractors by supervising their daily activities and recommending preventative action and improvement opportunities to management.

Additional Experience:

Project Manager | Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander & Linville | Boca Raton, FL

Coordinated and executed large-scale, diverse construction projects ranging from \$11 million to \$36 million in scope, including a library, university, medical center, resort & spa hotel, and warehouse facility.

Project Manager | ACAI Associates, Architects | Fort Lauderdale, FL

Directed construction administration for multi-million-dollar projects that encompassed medical centers, expressway plaza and road extensions, college renovation, and stadium repairs.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Master of Architecture, University of Buenos Aires, ARG

Civil Engineering Program, University of Buenos Aires, ARG

Building Regulations and Codes Certification, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US

Construction Management Certification, Miami Dade College, Florida, US

General Contractor Certification Program, G.C. School of Construction, Florida, US

Best Value Contractors Qualification, Ministry of Health, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

OSHA 30 Certification, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US