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Profile

Award-winning designer and program manager with 15 years experience and a proven ability to drive profitability by delivering a compelling client experience.

Core Competencies

Project Management	Strategic Planning	Process Improvement
Vendor Relations	Resource Optimization	Program Implementation
Budget Planning	Team Management	Cost Reduction

Experience

Levi Strauss and Company, San Francisco, CA 2000-2009

Global leader in apparel marketing and distribution for over 150 years.

Director of Store Design (2005-2009)

- Oversaw all aspects of retail, wholesale and outlet store design process, managing a \$40M annual budget.
- Developed and administered request for proposals for architectural, construction and project management partners; established department standards for vendor relations.
- Collaborated with global design partners to create global and regional design criteria.
- Improved retail stores costing model by 15% by streamlining design and construction leadtimes.
- Established 6 month reduction in overall store design and construction leadtimes for retail stores.
- Managed the retail rollout's expansion program, peaking at 30 retail stores per year.

Senior Manager of Store Design (2000-2005)

- Developed the store design concept as part of the retail renovation and expansion initiative.
- Participated actively in site selection and evaluation, developing design and construction budget models and establishing a program schedule to aid in planning and real estate negotiations.
- Established the infrastructure and resources to support the expanding retail rollout.
- Leveraged the retail design concept as a selling point for a larger wholesale program expansion.

Target Corporation, Minneapolis, MN 1997- 2000

National general merchandise and grocery retailer with more than 1,700 locations in 49 states.

Senior Project Coordinator - Store Design and Planning, Department Store Division

- Administered vendor shop installations for multiple product categories, with budgets ranging from \$5k to \$500k.
- Managed the concept development and execution in conjunction with merchandise planning, visual display and construction teams.
- Developed and implemented new retail design concepts for internal businesses.

Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Minneapolis, MN 1995-1997

Internationally recognized leader in architecture, engineering, and master planning services, meeting the building needs of the healthcare, corporate, education and performing arts communities.

Interior Designer - Interior Architecture Department

- Support clients' program needs and priorities as primary design team contact.
- Developed program concept from schematic design through construction documentation.
- Specified furniture, fixtures and materials.
- Maintained materials resource library and managed relationships with vendors.
- Produced construction documents for interior detailing and millwork packages.
- Managed construction administration and post occupancy evaluations.
- Produced 3-D renderings as design models as well as finished presentations.
- Designed and assembled material sample boards.

Final Draft, Minneapolis, MN 1993-1995

CAD drafting services for architects, engineers and facilities managers, specializing in the conversion of hand drawn documents to electronic media.

Drafting Technician

- Managed new client orientation.
- Converted hand drafted construction documents to CAD files, including architectural structural, mechanical, and plumbing documents.
- Maintained client document libraries.

Education and Professional Development

Bachelor of Science, Interior Design - University of Minnesota

Levi Strauss and Company Performance Management Development Process - Trainer

Harvard School of Business - Project Management Executive Seminar

Certified Green Building Professional

Nationally Certified Sustainable Building Advisor

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Acknowledgments

VMSD Store of the Year 2000 - Levi's Store Seattle Washington

Dining by Design entry for DIFFA featured in Elle Decor - July 2004