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OBJECTIVE

To lead the development and deployment of electronic tools through the creation of partnerships and collaborations that strategically supports diverse organizations such as education and workforce centers.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Over 15 years' experience in leading technological services initiatives and collaborations with diverse and highly politicized groups.
 - Developed and led public/private partnerships in Minnesota, the United States, and internationally.
 - Inspired and motivated diverse groups to develop technological innovations to support strategic objectives that led to national awards.
 - Garnered significant resources for projects.
 - Experience includes diverse organizations: Education (Higher Education and K-12), Workforce Centers, and political environments.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Technology Services Innovation

- Directed and managed the nation's first statewide electronic portfolio initiative – eFolio Minnesota (www.efoliominnesota.com).
 - Expanded work into commercial offerings (eFolioWorld) with a national and international customer base.
 - Established an electronic portfolio accreditation pilot with the Higher Learning Commission
- Managed and led electronic learner-centered service and instructional initiatives at the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, one of the nation's largest and most diverse public higher education systems in the country.
- Developed people through fostering innovative abilities of diverse groups through the deployment of technology based services.
- Developed strategic education, technology, and workforce initiatives for Minnesota.

Consortia Building

- Established and led collaboration of Western Cooperative for Education Telecommunication (WCET) and Seward, Inc, to develop the Center for Transforming Student Services (www.centss.org).
- Established and led collaboration with State K 12 education leaders to develop eSchools MN -- an innovative technology transformation tool for integration of technology in to the K12 learning environment.
- Established with the state of Iowa, a national advisory group that led to the development of specifications for an electronic workforce case management system.
- Helped managed a diverse group to develop and deploy a student engagement technology tool, GPS LifePlan (www.gpslifepan.org).
- Established and led Minnesota's first K-20 digital summit.
- Initiated over \$15 million of public-private partnerships with Minnesota's K-12 community.

- Developed and led a lobbying initiative to Minnesota Legislators that achieved the passage of the state's largest single public investment of \$150 million in education technologies (1996 biennium).

Innovative Leadership

- Inspired and motivated teams for successful deployment of initiatives
- Developed and held leadership positions within the Minnesota Workforce development communities.
- Collaborated to establish multiple joint powers organizations e.g., ISeek Solutions (www.iseek.org) and the Minnesota Learning Commons (www.mnlearningcommons.org)
- Managed initiatives from inception to successful implementation.
- Garnered multiple state and national awards for initiatives e.g., GPS LifePlan, eFolioMinnesota, CENTSS, and Peace Corps.

Key Presentations

- Presented a multiple state and national K-12, Higher Education and Workforce conferences.
- Delivered keynote presentations at the Pan American Electronic Portfolio Summit and the European Union Portfolio Summit.
- Participated in national satellite broadcasts on the topic of electronic portfolios.

Awards

- 2006 Campus Technology Innovator Award – *Campus Technology*
- 2004, 2007, 2011 WOW Awards – *WCET*
- 2012 eFolioMinnesota Award - *eFolioMinnesota community*
- 1998 Cisco Networking Academy Award – *Cisco Systems*
- 1998 MN eSchools Governor Commendation – *State Of Minnesota*

RELEVANT WORK HISTORY

1986-87	Minnesota Senate Finance Committee	Staff
1987-94	Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training/Economic Security	Project Management
1994-96	Minnesota Department of Economic Security	Branch CIO
1996-2001	Minnesota Office of Technology	Director
2001-02	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities - iSeek Solutions	Deputy Director
2002-13	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities - Minnesota Online	Director

EDUCATION

BA, Mathematics, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Distinction

MA (in process), Education, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

BOARDS

Minnesota Literacy Council, Minnesota Education and Telecommunication Council, the Freeman Forum, a number of Minnesota Charter Schools, WCET WOW Award Committee, a number of City of Richfield committees and work groups, Minnesota Computers for Schools, and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons.