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Cyber Risk - Threat Mitigation - Business Continuity - IT Audits - Strategic Planning - Outsourcing

Cost Management - IT Vendors- Technology Budgeting - Purchasing - Policy Development - C Level

I excel at identifying technology and IT risks and exposures and identifying unnecessary costs and expensive solutions. Utilizing expertise in software development, cloud-based solutions and IT infrastructure, I identify and create cost effective solutions that produce secure, high-uptime and scalable networks. I work effectively at the C-level and the techie level.

Additionally, I develop strategic technology plans for growing companies, driving them to significantly lower costs in a variety of industries including financial and legal services, manufacturing and insurance industries. Core strengths include:

- ✓ **Strategic planning for stable networks and infrastructure**
- ✓ **Auditing and IT project oversight**
- ✓ **Risk and exposure identification and mitigation**
- ✓ **Monitoring of mission critical systems**
- ✓ **IT checks and balances / vendor management**
- ✓ **Board / CEO consulting**

My BS is in Engineering from Colorado State University. I am described by colleagues as action-oriented, decisive and possessing the ability to get things done quickly. My exceptional people skills enable me to relate easily to people at all levels. I am creative, innovative and have solid instincts for what will serve a business for long term results.

## Selected Accomplishments

**Reduced lifetime cost of technology.** Clients had neglected to audit IT costs and technologies they had been using and paying for. Clients were unaware they were paying top-shelf dollars for solutions that had become commodities. Have helped clients reduce IT and technology costs by an average of 28%.

**Fulfilled missing IT leadership with unbiased consulting.** Clients had been making uninformed decisions from a position of unfamiliarity with IT subject matter, leading to losses because of unfinished initiatives due to lack of buy-in or poor planning. Became unbiased mediator between executive team and IT resources to increase success rate of initiatives and reduce confusion.

**Reduced downtime from days to minutes.** Client had backups of data but insufficient planning and preparedness for a disaster situation lead to many days of downtime for employees, clients and vendors, following a ransomware attack, costing client significantly. Implemented disaster recovery plan that allowed client to continue work immediately if another disaster struck.

**Alleviated pressure on key tech employees.** Highly experienced IT and development employees originally hired to create strategic business solutions internally to support clients were tasked with low level IT support issues. Intervened and circumnavigated a solution between management and IT/developers to remove them from demotivating tasks that were not the highest and best use of their time. The company was at risk of losing these high-level employees to a very competitive employment market.

**Prevented expensive software migration.** Client had developed custom internal production application that had been adopted and integrated by employees. Application was developed using third party prototyping software that would become exponentially expensive to migrate in the future. Helped design permanent solution and migration with no downtime.

## Career History

**President,** The Internet Design Firm, 1995 to 2005. A start up web application development and consulting firm. Directed sales, marketing, technology and overall business operations. Programmed web applications with full time team of developers when necessary and was responsible for building the network infrastructure and the hosting environment that many of the apps ran on.

**Director of IT/Technology,** TIDF, 2005 to 2016. A start-up internet web development and consulting firm. Directed and consulted clients on technology initiatives. Designed business growth infrastructure and conducted consultative sessions with executives from small and medium companies.

## Personal

Avid skier. Racquetball. Love to read. CrossFit. Hug teenage sons when allowed. President-elect of Denver Mile High Rotary. Member of Denver Active Legacy foundation. Currently exploring virtual/augmented reality.

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