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## PROJECT MANAGER – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

**More than 10 years of leading design, construction, and management of capital improvements and infrastructure projects for educational, medical, and government facilities.**

**MBA-educated Civil Engineer** with career marked by strategizing, advising, designing, and planning multi-faceted projects and programs to construct, renovate, and expand facilities in highly regulated environments. Expert in complex procurement and vendor sourcing, as well as contract structuring, negotiations, and administration.

**Consummate project manager** experienced in managing large-scale, complex projects from initial concept and design through construction to equipment installation. Controlled budgets of up to \$25M per program and led teams of as many as 35 diverse professionals.

**Collaborative and approachable leader** skilled in empowering, inspiring, and motivating diverse multicultural teams of experts, consultants, and internal project staff to deliver quality to our customers and clients. Tailor management style to accommodate unique personalities, experience levels, and skill sets while building capabilities and establishing accountability for KSAs.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Customer Relations
- Project Lifecycle Development & Planning
- Risk Assessment & Management
- Construction Management
- Contract Negotiations & Administration
- Facilities Maintenance Planning
- Civil Infrastructure Engineering
- Equipment & Supplies Procurement
- Operations Management
- Training & Development
- Stakeholder Communications & Relations
- OSHA Safety Management
- Multicultural Team Leadership
- Budgeting, Scheduling & Resource Planning
- Quality Control & Assurance

**Led design / build project for three Teacher Training Institutes each comprised of 75K SF of floor space on 10-acre plots.**

**Directed earthquake preparedness project to design and build \$1.5M Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) facility.**

**Partnered with physicians and nurses to develop modular mobile emergency health centers.**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CAMPO DELLA FIORA** – Umbria, Italy  
*Airbnb property in Italian countryside.*

June 2018 – Present

### Facility Manager

Oversee facility management, bookings, and guest services for privately owned property with two fully functioning apartments and outdoor pool. Coordinate non-routine repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds.

**GFA CONSULTING GROUP** – Kathmandu, Nepal

September 2017 – May 2018

*Leading European consulting firm active in global development cooperation sector.*

### Facility Coordinator

Met expert staffing needs of reconstruction and recovery programs following Nepal earthquake by writing clear job descriptions and program deliverables for team of 21 subject matter experts (SMEs). Negotiated salary packages, delivered pre-deployment briefings, and monitored progress against aggressive timelines. SME coordination and performance.

- **Recruited, hired, and onboarded** 16 national and 5 international experts for short-term engagements to provide communications, IT, and institutional expertise for post-earthquake reconstruction programs.

**SNV NEPAL** – Kathmandu, Nepal

June 2016 – March 2017

*Not-for-profit international development organization founded in The Netherlands.*

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### Sector Leader – Agriculture and Renewable Energy

Hired to manage two distinct sectors, agriculture and renewable energy, previously managed by two separate subject matter experts. Led development of new project proposals in each sector.

- **Contributed to \$12M agricultural project proposal** with lead bidder, Chemonics, through extensive research, field missions into rural Nepal, and networking with local Nepalese government officials.

**UN WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME** – Rome, Italy and Kathmandu, Nepal

January 2014 – December 2015

*World's largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security; assists 91M+ people in 83 countries each year.*

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### Project Management Consultant

Coordinated development, execution, and management of six projects with \$6M in total value, involving facility engineering and construction, services and equipment procurement, and project planning, staffing, scheduling, and budgeting. Managed project risks, quality, and progress within budgets, timelines, and specifications. As Head of Engineering in Nepal following 2015 earthquakes, supervise team of 9 engineers and managed \$1.5M budget.

- **Spearheaded end-to-end earthquake preparedness project** to design and construct emergency logistics hub at Nepal's international airport. Managed \$3.2M budget, on-site team, and UK Aid donor relationship.
  - Completed 75K SF facility in **six months from start to finish**, one month before April 2015 earthquake.
  - Facility was comprised of well-drained, firmly compacted gravel surface with security fencing, lighting, power generation, water, sanitation, offices, and IT facilities **sustaining center of operations for 23 shipping containers** of prepositioned emergency logistics and telecommunications supplies.
- **Directed engineering unit to construct emergency logistics centers**, helicopter landing sites, emergency rural access roads, and 40 medical clinic camps following Nepal's April 2015 earthquake. Orchestrated procurement and execution of construction services in difficult mountainous terrain before, during, and after monsoon rains.
- **Led design and specification of modular mobile emergency health centers** in conjunction with physicians and nurses. Prepared bids to procure medical equipment and modular prefabricated buildings for emergency deployment. Structured, negotiated, and closed three long-term supply contracts.
- **Initiated project to relocate Nepal's country office** by researching and assessing available land, building business case vs. repairs of existing building and facilities (HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, and security).

**UN OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES (UNOPS)** – Juba, South Sudan

November 2009 – April 2013

*Operational arm of the United Nations dedicated to implementing projects for UN System, international financial institutions, governments, and other partners worldwide.*

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### Project Manager

Led end-to-end project management lifecycle from planning, scoping, scheduling, budgeting, and staffing to contract negotiations and management, design review, equipment and services procurement, logistics, donor communications, and client relations. Advised senior management on project plans and decisions. Liaised with South Sudan's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. Managed project teams of up to 35+ national / international engineers and support staff, as well as project budgets totaling more than \$40M over three years.

- **Developed \$25M program to design and construct three Teacher Training Institutes** each accommodating 300 students plus faculty and staff within 75K SF of floor space on 10-acre plots.
  - **Established sustainable facility management and operations** by championing 70%+ solar PV power generation and introducing passive cooling design.

- **Coordinated successful completion** with international design team, government agency officials, and donor (USAID).
- **Constructed 14 primary schools** as part of Italian government's €4.3M+, three-year project to develop teachers, mobilize communities, and promote education of girls.
  - Expanded program to fourth year and built **more than 3K additional classroom spaces**, contributing to decrease in dropout rate specifically among female students.
- **Managed six separate projects** with varying budgets, funding sources, and seven contractors **to implement \$16M in emergency works** throughout South Sudan.
  - Works spanned construction or repair of gravel roads, airstrips, culverts, bridges, and sites for mobile storage warehouses.
  - Collaborated with contractor to build **34-km road near Sudanese border** in three months before start of seasonal rains.
- **Spearheaded complex, challenging \$2.75M project** involving 34 unique procurement actions over two years for 11 counties of Jonglei State inaccessible by land during seasonal rains and armed conflicts. Procured building and road construction services, plus special equipment.
- **Expanded rural hospital** by partnering with Italian government to develop €1M health project. Procured and supervised construction services and medical equipment installations for three health facilities.
- **Led design and construction** of USAID-funded girls high school dormitory and residential facilities within \$692K budget.
- **Designed three-story fully engineered building** for South Sudan's Ministry of Health. Completed detailed designs and prepared tender documents for project with estimated \$4M budget.
- **Strengthened Ministry of Health's capabilities** throughout all ten states of South Sudan by procuring and installing VSAT internet, network servers, office equipment, and generators within \$2.4M budget.

#### EARLY CAREER:

Sparrow Development Corp. | Project Development Consultant

*Coordinated development of mixed-use project including affordable housing on full city block of Surf Avenue in Coney Island.*

UNOPS – Afghanistan | Chief Technical Advisor

*Revitalized stalled \$18M program funded by USAID in conjunction with US Army Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs).*

## EDUCATION

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

**Master of Business Administration (MBA) in International Business**

Graduated with Distinction

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

**Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**

Concentration in Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Pollution Control

## LANGUAGE SKILLS + COMPUTER SKILLS

Fluent: Italian, Spanish, Indonesian | Conversant: Nepali, Haitian Creole

Advanced user level of MS Office suite of programs, CRM and ERP systems, and many productivity & collaboration Apps.