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Summary of Executive Skills: Leadership; strategic planning; collaboration and development of community support; complex problem solving; action-oriented; performance, accountability and continuous improvement; communications; management of human resources, budget and operations.

Experience

2007 – Present Director, Iowa Workforce Development

- Chief Executive of Iowa's fourth largest state agency, leading 1,000+ employees in 55 offices, and a budget of over \$160 million.
- Lead the effort to transition workforce offices into an integration strategy to include workforce partners to provide seamless job seeking, training, and unemployment insurance benefit services.
- Chair of the Governor's Task Force on worker misclassification, securing legislative funding to form a work unit to investigate, educate, and prosecute as necessary, to protect Iowa's workers.
- Co-Chair of the Governor's Task Force on ex-offender re-entry to address the education, employment, housing, and health treatment for individuals re-entering society.
- Secured grant funding for various programs to provide education/training, infrastructure, and/or technological improvements for communities.
- Worked collaboratively with other state agencies and workforce partners to provide comprehensive, quality, and seamless services to Iowans.
- Established close relations with Iowa's colleges/educational community to upskill and qualify Iowans better jobs.

2006 – 2007 Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Chet Culver

- Deputy Chief of Staff for the Culver-Judge transition team
- Managed and collaborated with 40 departments in Iowa state government
- Supervised staff of 35 at the office of the governor and Terrace Hill

1999 – 2006 Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Thomas J. Vilsack

- Supervised staff of 20 at the office of the governor and Terrace Hill
- Oversaw annual budget of \$3 million
- Organized over 200 events for Governor, Lt. Governor and First Lady including the Iowa quarter selection and launch, Governor's Annual Walk, organ donor recognition, receptions at the Capitol and Terrace Hill
- Chaired the 2005 National Governor's Association meeting in Des Moines
 - ✓ Raised and managed \$2.5 million from Iowa and national sponsors
- Recruited and trained over 1,000 volunteers from across
 - ✓ the State of Iowa
 - ✓ Collaborated with city, state and national governments to ensure a secure and seamless affair

1991 – 1999 Director of Administration, Iowa Attorney General

- Managed administrative staff and activities of the office
- Oversaw office budget of \$4 million
- Created an innovative campaign to recover child support payments from delinquent parents
- Organized statewide domestic abuse awareness campaign

Education

Iowa State University - Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, minor in Economics

Achievements and Activities

- 2009 IAWP Administrator of the Year Award
- 2004 Volunteer of the Year, Iowa State government
- 2002 Leader of the Year, Iowa State government
- 1999 - 2006 Member, Iowa State Fair Board
- Student Body President, Iowa State University, Sr Year
- Roosevelt High School Music Booster Board - 8 years
- Committee Chair, Des Moines Public Library Gala