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QUALIFICATIONS:

Housing Policy

- As Manager of Housing Policy and Outreach for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, I am the point person for the development of new programs as policies as part of the agency's portfolio of more than \$400 million in state and federal funding. In this role, I have direct experience with HOME, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Housing Choice Vouchers, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Down Payment Assistance, Hardest Hit Funds, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and much more
- Worked with Georgia-based and national Community Development Financial Institutions to develop a revolving loan fund for the development of affordable housing with leveraged state funds, a first-of-its-kind program for the State of Georgia
- As a consultant, I developed a long-term master plan for the Washington Park neighborhood of the city of Atlanta as an appendix to the City's Livable Cities Initiative that included community improvement projects addressing access to transportation and retail, real estate transactions, distressed assets, and land use
- Developed a comprehensive plan addressing the immediate sustainability goals for the City of New Haven, CT and completed the first of 5 sections of the city's Sustainability Plan

Project Management:

- Manager of more than \$3 million in federal community development and workforce development grants with the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) for Atlanta. Developed and implemented an integrated service delivery model for GHHI Atlanta that incorporated green jobs training, improving of housing stock, and community development
- Construction manager on projects ranging in value from \$10,000 to \$500,000 as a Company Commander with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Responsible for the planning, resourcing, and logistical supply of all operations resulting in the training of over 6000 members of the US Armed Forces over 14 months. Coordinated, planned and oversaw the transport, relocation, and redeployment of 110 Soldiers, \$25,000,000 of sensitive equipment, and 30 specialized engineer vehicles to and from a combat zone
- Planned and facilitated the EPA Brownfields Conference 2013 Design Charrette focused on infill development in the City of Atlanta

Community Engagement

- Managed the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Housing Outreach Team, providing statewide neighborhood engagement, technical assistance, program support, and community saturation of the DCA mission
- Lead the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing, in partnership with the University of Georgia, training and developing community teams to identify their housing needs and access state and federal resources to address those needs

Statistics and Analytics

- Formally educated with a Masters of City and Regional Planning; areas of focus include: Real Estate Development, Economics, Analytical Methods, and Community Development
- Simultaneously compiled data and analyzed the results of the 3-year Lead Safe Atlanta program, the 3-year Healthy Homes Atlanta program, and the 2-year EPA funded Brownfields Job Training Grant for the reporting to HUD, EPA, board members, and the public

EDUCATION:

Bachelors of Architecture 2004 - Hampton University Hampton, Virginia

US Army Corps of Engineers Officer Course 2005 – Ft Leonardwood, Missouri

Masters City & Regional Planning 2012 – Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, Georgia

Land and Community Development

Master Planning

Real Estate Market Analysis

Environmental Sustainability

Summary

A skilled project manager with over 10 years experience in building science, real estate, grants management, master planning, land use, neighborhood redevelopment, and functional leadership. Formal education focused on the development of the built environment and surrounding communities, and work experience centered on results based management and leadership principles. Consistently excels in roles with the US Army Corps of Engineers, community based non-profit, and most recently state government housing policy.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

07/17 to Current – Vice President of Housing and Neighborhood Development; Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta, Georgia:

Executive Team member for one of the largest non-profit builders of affordable single-family housing in the southeast, responsible for strategic planning, neighborhood relations, and housing policy advocacy on behalf of the Atlanta affiliate

- Develop the long-range plan for the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity's neighborhood revitalization strategy incorporating the missions and priorities of partner organizations to ensure the most efficient leveraging of resources within the community
- Establish and nurture a network of influential sponsors, community members, partners and advocates in order to further Atlanta Habitat's mission to develop affordable housing, support our families, and build strong communities around them

10/14 to 06/17 – Manager of Housing Policy and Outreach; Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Atlanta, Georgia:

Senior policy manager, housing outreach team leader, and special projects manager for the State of Georgia's Affordable Housing Agency

- Draft and implement affordable housing policies and programs including a \$300 million foreclosure prevention program, an \$8 million revolving loan fund, and the creation of the state's housing information system
- Develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including state and federal legislators, state agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry partners, to facilitate cooperative initiatives around affordable housing issues for statewide implementation

03/11 to 05/14 – Special Projects Manager; The Center for Working Families, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia:

Program Manager responsible for more than \$3 million in federal, state, private, and philanthropic grants targeted at neighborhood transformation in a vulnerable target area

- Simultaneously managed HUD funded housing rehabilitation of more than 300 collective homes, EPA funded green jobs workforce development program, and an HHS funded social enterprise project
- Planned, resourced, and facilitated all partnership meetings with more than 70 city, state and federal officials, local advocates, philanthropic partners, and local businesses

03/10 to 7/10 – Senior Policy Associate; Office of Sustainability, City of New Haven, Connecticut:

Temporary: Director of up to 3 interns developing citywide sustainability objectives, policies, and procedures in order to facilitate continued smart growth

- Personally, developed the city's draft Transportation Sustainability Plan
- Developed the draft 'Green Building Policy' for the City of New Haven

05/04 to Current – US Army Corps of Engineers Officer: Combat Engineer with five years of active duty United States Army service and 5 years of U.S. Army Reserve service. Deployed to Ar Ramadi in the Al Anbar province of Iraq in 2005, carrying out extensive combat and construction operations and awarded the Bronze Star for leadership. Other awards include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Combat Action Badge. Currently a facilities engineer for a Forward Engineer Support Team (FEST-M)

- Managed the construction and fortification of multiple outposts in high intensity combat environment
- Conducted infrastructure assessments of municipal facilities in combat

5/03 to 05/04 – Intern Architect, Retnauer Design Associates, Chesapeake, Virginia: Handled residential and light commercial architecture projects from start to finish; met with clients, contractors and inspectors; managed funding, timetables, and Gantt Charts; and carried the lead on design from conception to the creation of construction documents

- Residential and light commercial Construction Document production