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**Work Experience:**

**Senior Consultant, Carver DeWitt and Palm CPAs, LLC, Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Amason & Associates, Inc. (September 2011- April 2012)**

- Interim Controller for commercial construction firm
- Projects include college dorms, state buildings, industrial additions, commercial centers
- Percentage of completion and job cost accounting with Sage Timberline
- Full monthly close experience
- Job cost analysis and profit projections

**Building & Earth Sciences, Inc., Birmingham, AL (July 2012 to present)**

- Interim CFO for geotechnical engineering services firm
- Full monthly close responsibility
- Recruited and trained new controller
- In charge of project for new enterprise wide information systems
- Conduct business office process review and reorganization for internal control needs

**Cartel Properties, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. (2008 to present)**

- Atlanta/Buckhead commercial developer and investor
- Perform deal analysis for new acquisitions
- Acquire bank financing for deals, including SBA loans
- Pro forma financials for individual properties including lease deals
- Full general ledger accounting for individual partnerships
- Skyline accounting system experience with commercial rentals

**Chief Financial Officer of the Regional Newspaper Division of the New York Times Company  
(1/1/1992 – 12/31/2007)**

Assure that all financial transactions are recorded properly in the accounting records according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Oversight and responsibility for Group Sarbanes Oxley compliance, including supervision of staff, testing, and identification and resolution of issues.

Ensure that proper working papers and supporting documents are maintained at the unit and division level to support accounting entries; and that proper authorization for such entries is maintained.

Oversee the planning and application of any accounting or auditing procedures and ensure that recommended procedures are implemented.

Ensure that internal audit staff from corporate office has the cooperation of the operating units, and assist and respond to internal audit reports regarding recommendations, and implementation of corrective actions and follow-up.

Maintain system of internal control.

Oversight of the preparation and analysis of financial statements of individual unit financial statements and consolidated division financial statements, including explanations and notes to Corporate Office. Review and approve information relating to the Regional Newspaper Division in 10-K and 10-Q.

Supervise financial staff of division office, and controllers of up to 25 newspapers, and total financial staff of 140+. Monitor and test performance of each controller to ensure that individual unit financial records are kept according to GAAP.

Oversee annual P&L budgeting process, weekly and monthly forecast and explanations.

Oversee annual capital forecasts, review of return on investments, and approval of capital projects.

Oversee credit and collection operations.

Ensure that units comply with federal and state tax laws, including proper preparation of records for company's tax returns.  
Involved in the development and installation of company wide systems including Peoplesoft, Hyperion Essbase, PBS newspaper systems. Spearheaded the design and implementation of a budgeting/forecasting system using Hyperion Essbase for the newspaper division.

**January, 1987 through December, 1991 - Controller - The Lakeland Ledger** - Lakeland, Florida, the third largest newspaper in the New York Times Group with a circulation of 70,000 daily and 85,000 Sunday, with 350 employees.

Oversee all financial operations of the newspaper  
Work with Publisher and Department Heads on day to day operations  
Provide internal management reports on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis  
Maintain internal controls and compliance with Sarbanes Oxley requirements  
Oversee credit and collections  
Provide forecast information to Group HQ  
Annual budgets, capital budgets and capital requests, with ROI justification  
Supervise staff of 14

**January 1981 through December, 1986 - Controller - The Tuscaloosa News** - Tuscaloosa, AL, the eighth largest newspaper in the New York Times Group with a circulation of 35,000 daily and 37,000 Sunday, with 150 employees, and accounting staff of 8.

Oversee all financial operations of the newspaper in the same manner described above.

**July, 1978 through December, 1980 - Assistant Controller of Boone Newspaper Group**, a group of 35 smaller newspapers with headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Responsible for reporting results of each newspaper and consolidated operations to management  
Centralized processing of payroll, accounts payable, general ledger, and customer billing.

Supervise staff of 12 accounting employees  
Complete federal and state tax returns for all entities  
Incorporate accounting activities of periodic acquisitions  
Ensure on time payment of long term debt

**July, 1974 through June, 1978 - Internal Revenue Service**, Atlanta, GA

Worked 2 years as a staff internal auditor  
Worked 2 years as a staff revenue agent auditing businesses

**June, 1973 through June, 1974 - William A. Tate, CPA**

Worked in a local public accounting practice in Tuscaloosa, AL

#### **Qualifications/Training Information:**

B.S. Accounting, 1973, University of Alabama  
CPA certificate, state of Georgia  
Various executive training sessions  
Process Mapping Training  
Project Management Training  
Quickbooks Certified Pro Advisor  
Experience with implementation of various financial software systems including Peoplesoft, PBS newspaper accounting, Hyperion Essbase

#### **References:**

**Robert M. Amason, Jr., President of Amason & Associates, Inc. 205-345-9626**  
**Jim Boone, CEO, Boone Newspapers, Inc. 205-330-4100**  
**Deepa Bhat, President & CEO, Building & Earth Sciences, Inc. 205-836-6300**