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**Senior Accountant**

**Financial Management | Cost Savings | Regulatory Compliance Financial Reporting**

*Results driven, dynamic, and passionate professional with experience successfully managing general accounting functions, demonstrating proficiency utilizing business intelligence tools, and strengthening business decisions.*

Certified fraud examiner (CFE) and CPA candidate with an entrepreneurial mindset, a desire for growth, and a solid foundation leading cross- functional teams with highly diverse skill sets. Able to leverage a track record of providing strategic direction and governance to multiple complex projects simultaneously within a fast-paced, dynamic work environment. Possess a desire for growth and a solid foundation in managing financial processes, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, and fixed assets. Adept in championing all aspects of state, local, and federal financial and accounting operations. Possess powerful communication, persuasion, analytical, data interpretation, communication, and critical thinking skills. ***Areas of expertise include:***

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| * Auditing
 | * Accounts Payable/Receivable
 | * Financial Statements
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| * Revenue Forecasting
 | * Project Management
 | * Expense Reporting
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| * Financial Projection & Analysis
 | * Account Reconciliation
 | * Compensation & Payroll
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| * GAAP
* Cap Rates & NOI
* Commercial Real Estate Structure
 | * Budgeting & Forecasting
* Land & Construction Loans
* Joint Ventures & Cash Flow
 | * State & Federal Tax Returns
* Financial Analysis Output
* Waterfall Methodologies
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## Professional Experience

Siemens Digital Industry Software Plano, Texas

**Senior Accountant,** April, 2021 – Present

Document various processes in SAP S/4 Hana while conducting transactions, such as revaluation process, accounts receivable general allowance process, and contract assets and contract liabilities netting process. Review the journal entries to support the general accounting department. Meet set goals by providing resolution with foreign currencies variance. Resolve revaluation errors monthly. Coordinate with multiple departments, such as IT, Finance, and Treasury and new reports in SAP S/4 Hana. Report directly to the senior director of general accounting.

* Managed shared service organization to perform specific operational task in India.
* Attained significant experience working with GAAP and IFRS.
* Led the successful reconciliation between Blackline and SAP S/4 Hana.
* Performed exceptionally in creating chart of accounts mapping/documentation for accurate snapshot of company's financial health.

**Osburn Contractors, Inc.,** Garland, Texas

**Senior Accountant,** October 2020 to April, 2021

Assume accountability for overseeing all accounting functions, such as handling financial transactions, preparing journal entries, as well as analyzing transactions and posting them on the ledger. Lead the implementation of FloQast, Concur, and Procore to optimize workflow and ensure timely execution of all tasks. Draft and present monthly financial reports to the management in collaboration with the controller. Monitor operations and ensure compliance with best accounting practices and regulatory protocols. Deliver forecasts and budget models to facilitate with decision-making.

* Led and supported a team of three project accountants and AP/AR supervisor to ensure adequate financial management.
* Served as “point person” for 2020 external audit, including implementation of new accounting procedures (ASC 606) regarding revenue recognition.
* Utilized ERP Sage 300 CRE to improve productivity and drive strategic direction.
* Successfully implemented a fraud prevention and deterrence plan, safeguarding the firm from potential frauds and threats.

**JMJ Development,** Dallas, TX

**Senior Financial Accountant/Financial Analyst,** 2020

Provided monthly financial reporting and real estate analysis to attract potential partners (private equity) for residential and commercial development. Coordinated the accounting department, including a team of two senior accountants.

* Introduced real-estate financial models, which resulted in acquiring multiple investment partners.

**Hunt Consolidated, Inc,** Dallas, TX

**Senior Accountant,** October 2019 to March 2020

Ensure the integrity of internal financial statements for domestic and international subsidiaries and parent entities, working with real estate, oil and gas, and power corporate areas. Prepare and record asset, liability, revenue, and expenses entries by compiling and analyzing account information. Maintain and balance subsidiary accounts by verifying, allocating, posting, and reconciling transactions and resolving discrepancies. Summarize financial status by collecting information and preparing balance sheet, profit and loss, and other statements. Handle consolidation and eliminations for multiple entities. Collaborate with other team members on fraud prevention and detection.

* Introduced updated procedures to streamline month-end close process.
* Covered multiple positions resulting from company-wide Reduction in Force (RIF).
* Created plan and budgets for multiple divisions using the SAP EPM (Enterprise Performance Model) forecast model.
* Contributed to tax and internal audit teams by supplying supporting documentation and tax strategy.
* Calculate and report debt compliance dealing loan covenants.

**Now CFO,** Dallas, TX

**Accounting and Finance Consultant**, May 2019 to October 2019

Analyze detailed account activity and record sales entries entered between the Great Plains and the POS system (Aloha Configuration). Leverage subject matter expertise to help clients and business partners interpret business requirements and critical business initiatives. Assist in developing business requirements, including process flows, business rules, information/data, controls and reporting. Prepare, reconcile, and submit entries related to sales commissions and write offs.

* Assisted with the multi-million-dollar acquisition of Zoe’s Kitchen by Cava Group.
* Reduced past due receivables by 70% while working alongside the sales teams.
* Coordinated with the Operations team to minimize food costs and to eliminate inventory waste.

**Fotona, LLC,** Farmers Branch, TX

**Senior Accountant**, December 2016 to April 2019

Directed the day-to-day functions of two junior accountants which encompassed activities, such as preparing, reviewing, or reconciling general ledger entries, performing month-end close processes, conducting variance analyses, and other financial analyses of reported results, and payroll. Forecasted, budgeted, and compiled financial data for Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and expense reports. Assisted Senior Management by preparing and providing various financial statements, such as Income and Balance Sheets, and Cash Flow Statements (SOCF).

* Increased cost savings by $45K; reduced unauthorized expenses by 50%.
* Completed two comprehensive audits for Big 4 firms and coordinated all supporting documentation.
* Eliminated variances and cost overages by 80% after streamlining inventory processes.
* Filed quarterly and annual sales tax returns for 20 states, including TX and CA.

**Paciugo Supply,** Dallas, TX

**Staff Accountant/Accounts Receivable Manager**, December 2015 to November 2016

Utilized a keen eye for accuracy to prepare journal entries and to perform monthly and year-end closings, bank reconciliations, fixed asset maintenance, and general ledger reconciliations. Oversaw many aspects of internal reporting to ensure compliance, to review schedules for the reporting processes, and to stay connected with auditors for quarterly reviews and annual audits. Produced financial statements, cash flow projections, and budgets.

* Implemented Microsoft Dynamics Navision across the entire company.
* Saved costs and reduced profits and losses by improving the company’s inventory management procedures.
* Streamlined end-of-month reporting processes and implemented new verification procedures.

**EyeMart Express,** Dallas, TX

**Staff Accountant**, March 2015 to December 2015

Managed financial reporting and general ledgers, supported schedules, and analyzed COGS and ROI. Played an integral role in accurately preparing client's accounting records, performed a variety of general accounting functions, and provided accounting support for senior staff.

* Coordinated a 150-location merger between EyeMart Express and Friedman, Fleischer, and Lowe.
* Reconciled accounts and balance sheets, analyzed inventory, and authenticated comprehensive reports for auditors.

**India Bazaar,** Irving, TX

**Senior Accountant**, June 2013 to March 2015

Performed a variety of complex accounting activities relating to the maintenance of a complete and accurate general ledger, payroll, and budget. Assisted senior management in identifying issues and implemented new accounting department procedures. Performed P&L research during closings and prepared journal entries in conjunction with the close. Investigated discrepancies in financial records, reconciled banking and credit card accounts, standardized procedures, and utilized best practices for inventory control.

* Compiled, analyzed, and corrected financial information to prepare routine and non-routine activities, including ledgers, journals, accounts, and contracts.
* Leveraged experience using software such as Peachtree and Excel to implement and standardize reporting and journaling procedures.
* Coached and trained employees to promote personal and professional development regarding financial compliance at all levels of the enterprise.

**Civil District Court,** New Orleans, LA

**Payroll and Finance Administrator**, August 2011 to May 2012

Elevated the organization’s payroll function including, payroll accounting, systems, software, and technologies. Improved operational efficiency by updating comprehensive employee records databases. Aided with onboarding new hires by completing pertinent documentation regarding payroll and benefits.

* Utilized ADP PayExpert and ADP Enterprise to complete accurate biweekly payroll records and payments.
* Verified and processed employee leave requests, both accrued and federally-mandated.

**Waldon Healthcare,** Kenner, LA

**Accountant/Director of Human Resources**, January 2009 to July 2011

Contributed a high level of HR knowledge and expertise providing strategies for best managing staffing and recruitment processes, employee compensation, health insurance, OSHA reporting, and other staff development activities for all employees. Reconciled, audited, and provided statements for all Resident Trust Accounts. Helped develop patient treatment plans and aided nurse practitioners and physician assistants with diagnosing patient illnesses.

* Developed and managed quarterly and annual budgets for nursing and administrative staff.
* Coordinated and supervised new employee orientation, onboarding, and credential verification.

## Education & Credentials

**Master of Science, Accounting**, *University of Dallas,* Dallas, TX

**Master of Science, Healthcare Management**, *University of New Orleans,* New Orleans, LA

**Bachelor of Science, Biological, Sciences**, *Louisiana State University,* Baton Rouge, LA

**Training & Development**

Certified Commercial Real Estate Finance Specialist (CRE)

Capital Markets and Securities Analyst (CMSA)

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

 CPA Exam, Uniform Candidate

Certified Financial Planning Analyst (FP&A)

Certified Financial Modeling and Valuation Analyst (FMVA)

Certified Banking and Credit Analyst (CBCA)

Certifications in Assurance, Financial Accounting, and Tax Strategy