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Summary

Results-driven leader with nearly 30 years of experience in education data systems, reporting and analytics, and application development within the Nebraska Department of Education. Recognized for securing and directing multi-million dollar Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grants and advancing statewide data modernization, governance, and interoperability. Experienced in SQL, data reporting, and federal and state compliance, with a proven record of delivering accurate, actionable information to support legislators, policymakers, educators, and the public. Skilled in leading cross-functional teams, implementing Agile and DevOps practices, and building sustainable solutions that drive efficiency, transparency, and data-informed decision making.

Skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data reporting and visualizations• Ed-Fi Data Standard• Common Education Data Standards (CEDS)• Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS)• Data governance processes and procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget and grant management• Federal and state reporting and compliance• SQL and Microsoft SQL Server• Agile project management• DevOps methodologies |
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Experience

IT Administrator | Nebraska Department of Education | 01/2022 - Current

- Lead a staff of thirty people across Enterprise Architecture & Business Intelligence, Data Collections and Reporting, and Application Development.
- Guided cross-functional teams through application modernization, introducing DevOps practices and cloud deployment strategies that enhanced collaboration, accelerated delivery cycles, and positioned the organization for long-term innovation.
- Oversaw the development and submission of the 2023 SLDS grant as Project Director and lead writer, securing \$4M in funding to drive multi-year, statewide improvements in longitudinal data systems.
- Provided leadership on the 2019 SLDS grant, managing a \$3.5M modernization budget that included development of a statewide Longitudinal Data Store

Assistant Administrator | Nebraska Department of Education | 03/2021 - 01/2022

- Continued leadership from Director of Data Collections role, expanding responsibilities in statewide data reporting and validation, data management, and data governance.
- Continued management of Nebraska's Ed-Fi implementation, coordinating technical development and stakeholder engagement.
- Supported enterprise modernization efforts and transitioned responsibilities in preparation for IT Administrator role.

Director of Data Collections / IT Application Developer Lead | Nebraska Department of Education | 09/2012 - 03/2021

- Managed a staff of 4 IT Data/Database Analysts responsible for school district data collection and validation.
- Led Nebraska's implementation of the Ed-Fi Data Standard and Operational Data Store/API.
- Served on the Ed-Fi Technical Advisory group (2018-2019), chaired the Ed-Fi Finance Work Group, and participated in Special Education and Early Childhood Work Groups.
- Presented at state and national conferences on Nebraska's ADVISER System, Ed-Fi to Generate connection, and Civil Rights Data Collection from Ed-Fi.

IT Application Developer Senior | Nebraska Department of Education | 08/2000 - 09/2012

- Developed and maintained multiple data collection and reporting websites, including the NSSRS Validation website.
- Served as Nebraska's EDFacts Coordinator, coordinating federal data submission activities across multiple staff and program areas.
- Managed program data collections for absenteeism and disciplinary reporting.
- Supported data audits and ensured federal reporting compliance.

School Finance Accountant | Nebraska Department of Education | 10/1996 - 08/2000

- Developed school district budgeting materials and calculations.
- Created the Annual Financial Report submission system.
- Assisted school districts with budgets and finance reporting.
- Presented annually on school finance-related topics.

Tax Professional / Enrolled Agent | H&R Block | 01/2017 - Current

- Provide individual and small business tax preparation and advisory services.
- Earned IRS Enrolled Agent (EA) credential, demonstrating expertise in federal taxation.
- Assist clients with tax planning, compliance, and IRS representation.

Education

Kansas State University | 01/1991

Master of Accountancy

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Bachelor of Science: Business Administration (Accounting)

GPA: Cum Laude

Certifications

- Enrolled Agent, IRS, 01/17 - Present
- Certified Public Accountant, 1992
- Certified Management Accountant, 1994

Volunteer And Leadership

- **Treasurer, Prairie Pines Partners** (prairiepines.org/) – Board Member of an organization that provides leadership to develop Prairie Pines Nature Preserve as a site of natural resource conservation for education, research, and recreation for all.
- **Volunteer, Stitching Smiles** – contribute to a 501(c)(3) charity providing handmade knit, crochet, and sewn items to individuals and organizations in need across Nebraska and surrounding states.

Grants And Funding Leadership

- Project Director and lead writer for the 2023 Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant, securing \$4 million in federal funding over four years to enhance statewide data systems.
- Provided leadership on the 2019 SLDS grant, managing a \$3.5 million budget for modernization, including the implementation of a Longitudinal Data Store consolidating disparate data systems.