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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Proven manager that retired with over 41 years of engineering experience in the telecommunications industry. Excels in operational and project management engineering initiatives. Dedicated to achieving organizational goals while maintaining a reputation built on quality and service. Skilled in budget management and reducing operating expenses. Relationship Manager and leader of cross-functional teams.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Leadership * Strategic Professional Development * Cross-Functional Teams
Network Transformation * Six Sigma * Corporate Policies/Procedures

WORK EXPERIENCE

December 1978 – November 2000

Design Engineer

South Central Bell Telecommunication – Alexandria/Shreveport La.

- Designed outside plant network per industry standards
- Managed plant capacity needs within geographical area
- Interfaced with Network Provisioning to ensure timely customer service

December 2000 – April 2019

Manager, Operations Planning and Engineering Design AT&T, Shreveport, La.

- Championed the upgrade of new and existing networks with leading-edge technology.
- Led and managed the plant replacement process for four (4) states in the Southeast region
- Developed action plans to reduce the operating expense through facility replacement and modernization
- Project managed engineering authorizations from inception to completion
- Chaired Network Provisioning Team meetings where state leadership formulated resolutions for network issues
- Assisted in the management of an annual plant replacement budget of \$25,000,000
- Peer leader that assisted in development of younger managers

• **EDUCATION**

- **Master of Business Administration-Finance**
 - Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
- **Bachelor of Science (BS), Biology/Chemistry**
 - Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS