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PROJECT / PROGRAM MANAGER

Project & Program Manager with 10+ years of experience delivering complex, cross-functional initiatives in manufacturing, energy, and technology environments. Proven ability to manage full project lifecycle (scope, schedule, cost), lead matrixed teams, and drive customer-focused execution from NPI through production and sustaining operations.

CORE SKILLS

Project Lifecycle Management • Cross-Functional Leadership • Customer & Stakeholder Management • Schedule & Delivery Execution • Risk & Issue Management • Manufacturing Readiness (NPI–Production–EOL) • Continuous Improvement • Program Governance • Agile & Waterfall Delivery • Executive Communication

Tools: Jira, Power BI, ERP Systems, Excel, MS Project

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

John Deere — Program Manager/ Scrum Master

2022 – 2025 | Houston, TX (Remote)

- Led cross-functional teams (engineering, manufacturing, supply chain, quality) across 100+ product lines
- Managed end-to-end program execution, aligning scope, schedule, cost, and deliverables with business objectives
- Served as primary stakeholder contact, ensuring clear communication of progress, risks, and decisions
- Developed and managed integrated project schedules, coordinating dependencies across global teams
- Drove NPI, validation, and production readiness, ensuring on-time delivery in regulated environments
- Proactively managed risks and resolved issues impacting delivery and operational performance
- Influenced matrix teams without direct authority to achieve program milestones

CPS Energy — Scrum Master

2020 – 2022 | San Antonio, TX

- Delivered a customer-facing platform (10,000+ users), ensuring quality, usability, and reliability
- Coordinated cross-functional teams across IT, operations, and business units
- Improved delivery efficiency by 17% through process improvements
- Managed risks, dependencies, and stakeholder expectations throughout execution

Prosperity Bank — Scrum Master

2018 – 2020 | Houston, TX

- Supported delivery of a \$1M digital transformation initiative
- Ensured alignment between business and technical teams on scope and priorities
- Increased team productivity by 23% through workflow optimization
- Maintained transparent reporting on progress, risks, and deliverables

Capgemini — Business Analyst

2015 – 2017 | Houston, TX

- Translated business requirements into project deliverables and technical solutions
- Led stakeholder workshops and supported project execution
- Improved operational efficiency by 44% through process optimization

EDUCATION

MBA — Houston Baptist University

B.S. Accounting — University of Houston

CERTIFICATIONS

SAFe Scrum Master