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TRIPLE-CERTIFIED PROJECT MANAGER

TRAJECTORY

Built an industry-spanning career leading high-stakes projects.

MISSION

Poised to transition into a fully dedicated project management role.

CLEARED FOR LAUNCH

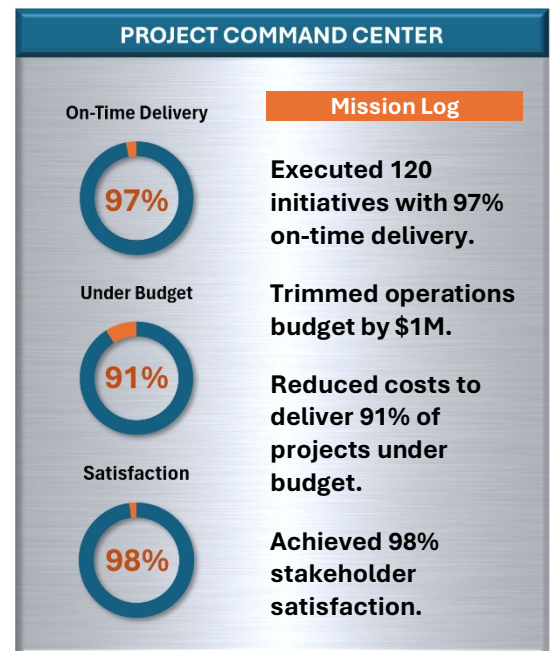
Primed to launch projects in aerospace or defense environments.

Piloted multimillion-dollar initiatives across 90+ internal team members and 50+ external stakeholders, delivering on strict budget, schedule, and compliance targets.

- ▶ **Cost cutter** with consistent record of meeting project deliverables on or under budget.
- ▶ **Cross-industry leader** with end-to-end project execution in manufacturing, construction, and consumer goods. Positioned to transition into aerospace and defense.
- ▶ **Credentialed** with three project management certifications.
- ▶ **Committed** to continuing education. Conducted a targeted personal study of NASA and DoD best practices.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMPETENCIES

Project Scope • Budget Oversight • Cost Control • Quality • Negotiation
• Resource Management • Risk Management • Vendor Oversight •
Earned Value Management System (EVMS) • Maximo • Trello • Asana



EDUCATION

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, College of Engineering • Southfield, Michigan

Bachelor of Science in Technology Management (BSTM)

- ▶ The BSTM program bridges the gap between engineering, science, and management.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®)—Project Management Institute (PMI)

- ▶ Achieved “above target” grade in all four domains: Project Management Fundamentals, Predictive Plan-Based Methodologies, Agile Frameworks, and Business Analysis Frameworks.

Engineering Project Management Certificate—Rice University

Systems Engineering Project Management Certificate—CU Boulder (Taught by Lockheed Martin Program Manager)

EXPERIENCE



*While my job titles varied, I've led complex projects in every role.
I soon discovered I had a knack for keeping projects on track.*



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PREMIER HOMES, LLC ■ Colorado Springs, Colorado, 3/2015 – Present

General Contractor | Real Estate Broker

SKILLS HONED

Project Management
Budget Oversight
Vendor Negotiation
Financial Analysis
Risk Mitigation

Orchestrated complex construction projects involving diverse external stakeholders under tight deadlines. Negotiated multimillion-dollar transactions. Managed contractors and materials to align with investment goals. Ensured compliance with city codes.

- ▶ **Managed 35+** real estate improvement projects from planning through execution, coordinating vendors, timelines, and budget.
- ▶ **Delivered 91%** of projects **under budget** and **97% on time**, despite the myriad of unforeseen disruptions common in construction.

*Targeted Study of
**NASA & DoD
Project Management***

MIL Standard 881
(Framework for DoD
Program Managers)

Integrated Program
Management Data &
Analysis Report

NASA Systems
Engineering Handbook

DoD Systems
Engineering Guide

DCMA 14-Point
Assessment for
Project Management

NASA Seven Key
Principles of Program
& Project Success

Risk & Opportunity
Management Guide,
DoD

Aerospace Report,
Failure Review Boards

MILLERCOORS (through A2Z) ■ Golden, Colorado, 8/2011 – 3/2015

Maintenance Manager (Promoted from Senior Planner)

SKILLS HONED

Project Lifecycle
Management
KPI Tracking
Multidisciplinary
Collaboration

Deployed capital improvement projects across the largest brewery in the U.S. – a complex of 110 buildings. Directed a \$4M budget. Coordinated 32 departments and 60+ team members to ensure timely project execution.

- ▶ **Slashed total budget \$1M** without layoffs by reallocating capital project funding to high-impact areas.
- ▶ **Drove project lifecycle** for high-priority repairs across 110 facilities.
- ▶ **Achieved 98% stakeholder satisfaction** on 68 projects.

CHRYSLER (through XLF Tech) ■ Auburn Hills, Michigan, 10/2006 – 8/2011

Facility Maintenance Manager

SKILLS HONED

Cross-Functional
Collaboration
Scheduling
KPI Tracking

Led maintenance for the second-largest automotive R&D test facility in the U.S. Spearheaded construction and maintenance projects. Optimized labor utilization and assigned jobs to 75+ trades across three shifts. Coordinated priorities with 50 interdepartmental stakeholders.

- ▶ **Saved \$250K annually** by refining preventive maintenance protocols.
- ▶ Served on proposal teams for the **Department of Defense (DoD) and Lockheed Martin**.

EARLY CAREER PROJECTS – with NASA, Ford, Lockheed Martin, DoD | XLF Tech

Facility Maintenance Manager @ Ford Motor Company, and Technical Writer @ NASA Langley Research Center.

MILITARY SERVICE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS | Rank: Sergeant | Aviation Safety Mechanic | Navy Achievement Medal

Explanation of Project

Goal: Transition from self-employed Real Estate Broker to a Project Manager for NASA, Lockheed Martin, or the Department of Defense.

Background & Challenge

Colin came to me with a resume that was focused almost entirely on his real estate experience. For the last 10 years, he'd worked as a real estate broker who also remodeled and flipped homes. Prior to that, he was a facility maintenance manager and was never formally titled as a project manager.

During our consultation, Colin told me he'd developed the project management bug years ago in his facility maintenance roles – and has had it ever since. As we talked, it became clear that ALL of his positions involved project management.

While working in real estate, he'd earned three project management certifications. (In his previous resume, these were buried in a long list of real estate certifications.) He'd even taken the initiative to download and study NASA and DoD materials on project management!

The Strategy

I wanted Colin's resume to shout, "This is a guy who is laser-focused on his goal. He's been preparing for this transition for years – through certifications and personal study." Every line in the resume sells his ability to be a high performer in this role.

"Space Age" Design

The inspiration for the design comes from his target industry and employers – NASA, Lockheed, DoD. At the right on page 1, I combined the elements of a project management dashboard with the concept of a NASA command center to show highlights of his accomplishments. I used flattened oval shapes in the headers, which reminded me of the space age designs of the 1950s.

The terminology in the arrows above the summary was also inspired by NASA – "Trajectory," "Mission," and "Cleared for Launch." The three arrows point to three phrases that tell a brief story of where he has been and where he is going.

Education

In order to focus attention on Colin's certifications, I put his education on the first page. One of his certifications was taught by a Lockheed Program Manager, so I was sure to name-drop.

Experience

Above the experience section, I used a quote from the client himself. I wanted to address head-on the fact that, even though his job titles don't reflect it, each role involved project management. His quote helps tell his story.

At the left of each role, I used a box to show the **relevant** project management skills Colin honed. At the right, I used a text box to highlight his personal studies, demonstrating his commitment to learning the DoD and NASA project management processes.

Colin worked for companies with high name recognition, but always through contractors. Under each role, I emphasized big company names over contractor names: "MillerCoors (through A2Z)."

Early Career: It turns out that Colin had a lot of exposure to Lockheed, NASA, and DoD early in his career, so used this space to do some name dropping again!