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Alan has over 18 years of experience in a wide range of finance and accounting functions. His experience includes financial planning & analysis, management reporting, system and process improvement projects, and leadership of accounting & finance operations. This range of experience allows him to drill down into the details without losing sight of the big picture. He enjoys building efficient processes and high performing teams, while being a strong business partner. Alan is passionate about partnering with business leadership to drive top and bottom-line growth.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Financial Analysis

Being a trusted business partner requires financial expertise and critical reasoning skills. Asking the right questions and understanding the main drivers for business profitability are key. My accounting background and business partnering experience allows me to understand these drivers and build reporting and modeling tools for leadership. These tools enable timely and well-informed decisions to drive business growth.

System Implementations

Having the right systems is critical to a successful business. I have extensive system project experience with everything from full ERP systems to budgeting and reporting tools. From system architecture and selection, to design, testing, implementation and training – I have been involved in all aspects of large and small system projects. I enjoy providing teams with the systems and processes they need to be successful.

Process Improvement

It is amazing how often we hear, “because that’s how we’ve always done it” when discussing existing processes. I have had the opportunity to reshape processes on a small and large scale throughout my career. It is often quick wins that are the most rewarding process improvements. I am constantly looking for opportunities – big or small – by respectfully questioning existing processes and pushing for a continuous improvement mindset.

Finance & Accounting Operations

My experience leading accounting and finance teams informs my belief that well-documented responsibilities, processes, and controls are a critical success factor for the monthly close cycle. Fostering a continuous improvement mindset and identifying key risk areas are crucial to driving efficiency. Focusing time and effort on what really matters enables the delivery of timely and accurate financial reporting.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Retail
Agriculture
Food

Manufacturing
Supply Chain
Structured Finance



EDUCATION

BA, Accounting
St. John's University

EXPERIENCE

Corporate FP&A Lead
Cargill, Inc.

Accounting & Finance Lead
Cargill Trade & Structured Finance

Global Financial Reporting & Systems
Advisor
Cargill, Inc.

Accounting Project Advisor
Cargill, Inc.

STRENGTHS

Analytical
Strategic
Problem solver
Personable
Collaborative



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