

KENNETH L. RIPPETOE - MBA, ME

An Experienced, Accomplished Facilities Management Professional

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OBJECTIVE

A high-level position within the Facilities Management, Project Management, or related fields which offers challenge, responsibility, and the opportunity for continued career growth.

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- Has several years of top, diversified experience.
- Strong background in many areas including management, operations, facilities management, project management, construction, budget administration, staff training and development, subcontractor management, safety compliance, quality assurance, and client relations.
- Hard working and driven, while highly-experienced in all aspects of industry work, and is thoroughly familiar with industry practices, standards, and protocols.
- Well-versed in managing daily facility operations which run smoothly and efficiently, while consistently meeting all profitability and productivity expectations.
- Adept in managing project simultaneously, and ensuring that projects are completed on-time, within budget, and adhering to all project parameters.
- Has successfully completed a wealth of high-profile projects, while building and managing diverse teams of project professionals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT CONSULTING WORK, Los Angeles, California

Consultant (2011-Present)

During this period, has handled various independent consulting assignments. Responsible for consulting with clients regarding their needs, providing on-site project management, project plan development, overseeing project personnel, materials procurement, quality assurance, and client relations. Has consulted on a variety of construction projects throughout the nation. Has worked on both institutional and commercial projects.

- Projects have included boiler plant replacements, electrical upgrades, and countless others.
- Projects have been valued at up to \$10 million, and has overseen large project teams.
- Has also written proposals for firms looking to work with the Veteran's Administration.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS (Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System), Los Angeles, California

Project Manager/Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (2008-2011)

Responsible for project management, project plan and timeline development, resource planning, staff training and supervision, design work, managing capital assets inventory database, preparing monthly reconciliation reports, conducting financial research, quality assurance, and other project-related functions. Managed 22 projects simultaneously, with a budget of more than \$50 million.

- During tenure in position, saw all projects to their successful completion, while consistently meeting all quality and budgetary parameters.
- Also created and presented presentations for hospital leadership on cardiology issues, construction project management, updates, and strategic planning issues.
- Served as a Fellow Mentor and Coach for the VHA National Mentor Program, and was the recipient of the Vice President Al Gore Hammer Award (for Columbia Hospital).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, Montrose/Castle Point, New York, Columbia, Missouri
Supervisory Staff Engineer/Project Manager (1993-2003)

Responsible for facilities management, project management, staff training and supervision, procuring supplies, inventory management, budget planning and administration, contract administration, preparing job descriptions and classifications, and training program development. Served in capacity at four VA hospitals, and oversaw a unit which encompassed as many as 100 staff members.

- Serving as Construction Manager, managed many key projects, and ensured that all projects consistently met all organizational parameters and expectations.
- During tenure in position, managed 15-25 projects per year, with most projects encompassing clinic renovation, which included mechanical system updates and replacements.
- Developed and implemented countless construction program improvements, which resulted in a 30% savings to operational budget.
- Was a key participant in the Bridges to the Future Executive Development Program.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

ONE WITH THE WATER, INC./SANTA MONICA SWIM CENTER, Santa Monica, California
Executive Director & Founder/Certified Swim Coach (1986-Present)

One With the Water is a non-profit organization, which provides swim instruction throughout the community, and specializes in serving special-needs children and adults. Responsible for operational management, budget administration, fundraising, staff recruitment, staff training and development, promotional work, community relations, and other managerial functions.

- Launched organization from its inception, and it's established a growing, positive community profile.
- Organization provides swim instruction at private homes, as well as at leading municipal pools.
- During this period, has also served as a swim instructor at various YMCA's in the nation.

STAGE KING LLC, Rogers, Arkansas
Owner/Chief Executive/Chief Financial Officer (2008-Present)

An event production company, which caters to a large and diverse clientele. Responsible for managing daily company operations, profit and loss, marketing strategy development, event planning and coordination, facilitating stage rentals, website development and management, and client relations.

- Company has experienced steady growth since its inception, growing at 70% annually.
- Firm provides services for clients throughout the greater Northwest Arkansas region.

MANATT PHELPS & PHILLIPS LAW FIRM, Los Angeles, California
Spanish Translator/Legal Assistant (2006-2008)

Responsible for translation work, assisting in the drafting of agreements, negotiating vendor contracts, assisting with new business development, document production, providing administrative support to attorneys, client relations, and handling a wide variety of special projects.

- Personally created a new database to assist due diligence efforts in a cross-boarder restructuring transaction, which included the analysis of credit agreements in Spanish, which assisted in verifying outstanding claims in anticipation of a pre-packaged Chapter 11 filing.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, Columbia, Missouri
Masters of Business Administration.

JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY, Siloam Springs, Arkansas
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

INSTITUTE DE IDOMAS DE LOS PADRES DE MARYKNOLL, Cochabamba, Bolivia
Earned Intermediate Spanish Certificate.

UCLA EXTENSION, Los Angeles, California
Studied Financial Analysis.

VOLUNTNEER WORK

- Instructor – English as a Second Language/Instructor – Computer Software, Maryknoll Mission Society & CFCA, Cochabamba, Bolivia, Barquisimeto, Venezuela, and Valladolid, Spain; Handled teaching, translation work, and web site development and administration.