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Mike focuses on assessing, evaluating, and building operations, procedures, and business processes related to research at grantee and grantor research institutions, including grants administration (pre and post) and compliance. He has also worked heavily in the evaluation of various strategic research assets. Mike has served extensively in post award and departmental roles where he dealt with cash draws, financial reporting, billing, accounts receivable (AR), compliance, budgeting, cost principles, and other research administration activities. Most recently Mike served as the Interim Director of Post-Award for an independent research institute for >1year.

Professional experience

Representative examples of Mike's engagement experience include:

- Personally served in various roles ranging in responsibility up to Interim Director of Post Award Accounting within central research administration. Provided managerial and operational oversight as well as personally conducted various post award functions, including: invoicing, AR, LOC, effort and financial reporting, A-133 audit preparation and support.
- Conducted multiple large-scale operational and structural assessments at a wide range of institutions in many touch points to the business of research. These areas included: pre-award, post-award, compliance, organizational structures, customer service, technology transfer, training, effort, and COI.
- Conducted a business process/organizational analysis of a >\$100M/year granting organization with an end goal of improving operational effectiveness and grantee service. Composed recommendations related to organization structure, IT, performance metrics, and business process. Specific business process areas included: pre-review, review, grant setup, renewal, reporting, and payment.
- Conducted multiple large-scale assessments and evaluations of strategic research infrastructure at universities to help support research growth and scholarship, including research investment and

organization in areas such as: technology commercialization and economic development, analysis of reporting structures, research business processes & operations, and utilization of related research foundations.

- Resulting from a large-scale peer interview and benchmarking process, developed strategy surrounding related university research foundations in areas such as: capitalization, staffing, contracting, IP management, technology park/incubation.
- Served an interim role assisting principal investigators at the departmental level to provide service in the areas of budgeting, compliance risk, and financial status.
- Managed a department in a large hospital research center, including the approval of purchases and subcontracts as well as day to day financial management of the accounts.
- Organized and managed a collections effort that resulted in over \$15M in collections for a mid-sized research institution. Created AR procedures and an AR aging database to monitor office-wide collections efforts and provide executive reports.
- Conducted an equipment inventory for a research institution with over \$100M in inventory spread over three campuses. Provided an assessment of the equipment inventory procedure and provided prioritized recommendations for improvements.

Education and certification

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado