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Nina is a Director in Huron Consulting Group's Higher Education Consulting practice. Within procurement solutions her focus includes operational assessments, organizational design and development, business process redesign, technology assessment and solution selection, technology design and implementation, systems integration design, and project management.

Professional experience

For over ten years, Nina has provided consulting and business services to higher education, public sector, and private sector clients. Representative examples of Nina's engagement experience include:

Subject matter expert for procurement source to settle operational assessment for an eastern private university.

- Conducted assessment of the operations supporting source-to-settle functions; developed recommendations for operational efficiencies and progression toward leading practices.
- Developed business case, implementation roadmap, and cost/benefit analysis for procurement and technology recommendations

eProcurement Implementation subject matter expert for a western public university system.

- Supported planning to establish scope, project plan and team, governance structure, PMO materials, and business process decisions.

Project manager for a settlement operational transformation effort related to eSettlement implementation for a midwest public university.

- Analyzed current Accounts Payable operations; developed recommendations for operational efficiencies, optimal use of eSettlement, and progression toward leading practices.

Project manager for procurement source to settle operational assessment for a midwestern public university.

- Conducted assessment of the operations supporting source-to-settle functions; developed recommendations for operational efficiencies and progression toward leading practices.
- Developed business case, organization development plan, implementation roadmap, and cost/benefit analysis for procurement and technology recommendations.

Subject matter advisor and project management oversight for eProcurement implementation for a northeastern public university system.

- Provided subject matter advisory for and led components of solution design and build, marketing and communications development, and change management and training development.

Project manager for procurement source to settle assessment and spend analysis initiative for an eastern public university.

- Conducted assessment of the organizational structure, policies and procedures, information management, investment in social issues, and technologies supporting the source-to-settle functions; developed recommendations for operational efficiencies and progression toward leading practices.
- Conducted comparative study of peer institutions to establish benchmarks.
- Developed business case, implementation roadmap, and cost/benefit analysis for procurement and technology recommendations.

Project manager for procurement assessment and spend analysis initiative for a northeastern public university system.

- Conducted assessment of the system-wide organizational structure, policies and procedures, internal controls, and technologies supporting the procure-to-pay functions; developed recommendations for operational efficiencies.
- Conducted comparative study of peer institutions to establish benchmarks.
- Developed business case and ROI model for shared-services procurement and technology recommendations.

Project manager for the development of a strategic procurement plan for a southeastern private university.

- Conducted an assessment of source to settle policies, processes, organization and technologies.
- Recommended improvements to current organization and business processes, and optimization of eProcurement technology to increase efficiency.

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, Communication: Public Relations and Organizational Communication, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California