

# Jerry A. Heemstra, CGMA, MBA

## **Qualifications Summary**

Accounting and finance professional with over 30 years of experience in leading accounting teams, mergers and acquisitions, budget and planning processes and development, working with boards of directors, multi-company integration, financial reporting, credit management, payroll, forecasting, debt compliance, and economic research. Background in federal and multi-state tax issues, employee benefits, and successfully managing complex projects including software development and conversion initiatives. Experienced in MRP, shop floor scheduling, and lean manufacturing.

### **Professional History**

Stella-Jones dba McFarland Cascade	VP Finance	2012 - 2014
McFarland Cascade	CFO	2011 - 2012
Simpson Investment Company	Director/VP Accounting and Finance	2009 - 2011
Simpson Lumber Company	Division Controller	2002 - 2009
Simpson Door Company	Division Controller	1995 - 2002
Pella Corporation	Finance/Materials Manager	1989 - 1995
	Supervisor Scheduling	1988 - 1989
	Corporate Analyst/Cost Accountant	1984 - 1988
Fox & Company, CPA	Staff Accountant	1983 - 1984

### **Accomplishments**

- Nearly a dozen acquisitions on both the buy and sell side ranging in size from \$1M to \$250M. Most recently assisted in selling McFarland Cascade to a strategic buyer, Stella-Jones, helping to prepare the company for sale, working with investment bankers, lawyers, and tax advisors to obtain the best outcome for the shareholders.
- Developed full budget process and models at McFarland Cascade and Simpson.
- Built a financial model and justification for \$20M+ capital project at Simpson Lumber modernizing a major machine center. Provided oversight to the project helping to ensure that it came in on time and on budget.
- Worked with Simpson's board of directors, providing quarterly updates, commentary, and key market
  economic drivers. Authored and led a discussion on the state of the US housing market leading to an
  adjustment in strategy, and completed a white paper on the impact of China and the Russian log tax on
  lumber markets in the Pacific NW. Authored the president's quarterly shareholder letter.
- While at Simpson and Pella, part of a team that successfully implemented several IT systems including an in-house developed log purchasing system, Dynamics GP, PeopleSoft, in-house developed MRP system, and a warehouse management system.
- During his tenure at Simpson Door, the company grew sales by 48% and increased profit 580% while holding G&A spending growth to less than 4%.

#### **Licenses / Education**

- Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)
- Executive MBA, University of Iowa
- B. A. Business/Economics (concentrations in Professional & Industrial Accounting and Financial Management), Northwestern College