



## **Karissa Aleskus**

### **Qualifications Summary**

Karissa has nearly 20 years of experience as Chief Financial Officer in the manufacturing, technology, and services sectors, including startups. A strategic and analytical thinker with highly effective communications skills, Karissa has successfully managed Accounting, IT, and HR departments, working in senior management teams to create and implement business goals.

### **Professional History**

Bastion Security	Chief Financial Officer	Portland, OR	2016 - 2020
Lewis County Forest Products	Chief Financial Officer	Winlock, WA	2002 - 2016
Enron Corp	Manager	Bangkok, Thailand	1999 - 2001
Enron Corp	Associate	Houston, TX	1997 - 1999
Goldman Sachs	Research Analyst Intern	Hong Kong	1996
Washington International Energy Group	Policy Analyst	Washington, DC	1992 - 1995

### **Accomplishments**

- Directed and implemented budgets of more than \$250M across multiple facilities.
- Raised capital (debt and equity) including cultivating and managing investor and banking relationships
- Created, organized, and supervised Accounting, IT, and HR departments
- Analyzed mergers and acquisition opportunities throughout Asia in excess of \$1B. Analyzed and closed private equity transactions. At Lewis County Forest Products, managed all M&A activity, both buy and sell side
- Implemented a new ERP system in multiple offices, migrating data from four different accounting systems into a single streamlined ERP system. Oversaw training on the new system for 25+ staff members
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### **Licenses / Education**

- Licensed CPA in Oregon and Washington
- Master Business Administration - Finance, Vanderbilt University
- Master Business Administration Exchange Program, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Post baccalaureate Accounting Certificate, Portland State University
- Bachelor of Arts - Political Science and International Studies, University of Oregon