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IT Program Manager with 9+ years leading multi-workstream technology programs for a global manufacturer and Comcast data centers. PMP-certified IT PMO Lead at Dauch (175 locations, 24 countries), running five international programs at once, building portfolio governance, and giving the CIO and CISO a clear monthly view of schedule, scope, dependencies, and risk. Delivered \$450K+ in annual cost savings through cloud migration and security consolidation. Methods: Waterfall, Agile/Scrum, Hybrid, phase-gate governance, architecture compliance, and CAB change management. Tools: WorkOtter, Power BI, Microsoft Project, Jira, Azure DevOps, Smartsheet, Visio, and SharePoint.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Portfolio governance:** built the IT governance process with the IT architecture lead, bringing 2,000+ projects under required phase-gates in WorkOtter and reducing work that started without sign-off.
- **M&A integration and divestiture:** led the IT side of the BFL divestiture (300+ users, 20 applications, 3 sites) and three workstreams of the Tekfor acquisition (about 15 sites and thousands of associates).
- **Oracle Cloud (OCI) program:** migrated 25+ applications to Oracle Cloud in 8 months, on schedule, cutting about \$250K a year in hosting, hardware, and licensing costs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dauch (formerly American Axle & Manufacturing) | Detroit, MI | May 2023 - Present

IT PMO Lead (Contract)

Run five international IT programs at once with 30+ people across infrastructure, cloud, security, application, and service desk teams, and mentored 3 junior project managers.

- Replaced simple four-square status reports with Power BI and Excel dashboards for every program, giving the CIO and CISO a monthly view of schedule, scope, dependencies, and risk.
- Own vendor SOWs and contracts with project leads and partner with IT Finance on CapEx/OpEx and cost tracking.
- Joined the Tekfor acquisition as program coordinator, then became project manager for the network, cloud/infrastructure, and end-user compute workstreams.
- Delivered three IT Security projects on schedule, including a Check Point HEC migration that saves about \$200K a year and blocks roughly 50% more phishing attempts.
- Delivered a global Windows 11 rollout to 8,500+ devices with no disruption to plant operations.
- Leading a 34-site global hardware refresh with HPE Alletra; 6 sites live with 10x site-to-site throughput and about 25% fewer hardware outages.
- Consolidated two Brazil data centers into one, ending a facility lease, with a two-phase cutover and no production downtime.

Genesis Networks | Michigan | Jul 2022 - May 2023

IT Project Manager (Contract)

Ran a portfolio of 20+ commercial IT site rollouts for national retail clients, averaging about \$20K per site.

- Required 3+ competing vendor quotes for every rollout, cutting site costs 10-30%.
- Gathered requirements, mapped integration workflows, and built Power BI project health dashboards for leadership.

Spectrum Networks (Comcast data center contractor) | Ann Arbor, MI | Jun 2017 - Jul 2022

IT Project Manager

Standardized milestone tracking, dependency logs, and steering committee reporting for a 10-person team delivering 200+ hardware cutovers across 30+ Comcast data center sites.

- Delivered rollouts in Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky with zero missed cutover windows and no interruption to 24x7 service.
- Set up KPIs and scorecards to track vendor delivery, SLA performance, and system reliability across sites.
- Led the rollout and change management for Microsoft Planner to reduce process bottlenecks.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

University of Arizona Global Campus | *Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration (2025)*

Project Management Institute | *Project Management Professional (PMP), 2022*