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SUMMARY

Federally certified CIO and former IT Security Director with 25+ years across cryptologic intelligence, government technology and creative media. Builds systems, studios and teams, and now runs AI operations with security and cost control built in.

EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER & CIO · THE ARTS GROUP INC. (ARTSGROUP), TEMPLE HILLS, MD

- Secured a $500K, five-year DC Government contract to train artists across the region.
- Ran a DC Summer Youth Employment Program worksite for 15 years and trained 1,000+ youth in one summer through Young Moguls.
- Selected through the Professional Fellows Program to train creative directors from Alexandria, Egypt.
- Built a $400K digital media academy for Somerset Prep (now KIPP DC): a 32-Mac lab with TV and recording studios.
- Turned an abandoned warehouse block into StudioPlace, a self-funded artist development center with studios, venues and training programs.
- Awarded $62K+ in studio-time grants to artists. Operates WAGC 104.7 FM and StudioRadio Network.

AI OPERATIONS & ORCHESTRATION LEAD · MWX / ARTSGROUP

- Designs and runs an eight-agent AI operation across product, media and administration, connected to email, calendar, cloud, voice, video and 3D animation pipelines.
- Sets governance: spending caps, approval checkpoints and data-access controls.

IT SECURITY DIRECTOR · DC OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER (OCTO)

- Authored OCTO's IT security policies and led the move of the citywide cybersecurity training platform from PeopleSoft to the web.
- Previously portfolio manager for the government operations cluster and technical writer for the general counsel.

NETWORK INTELLIGENCE ANALYST · BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON, 2008 TO 2010

- National-security contracting in support of the intelligence community.

CRYPTOLOGIC INTELLIGENCE · U.S. NAVY, 1994 TO 2008

- Petty Officer Second Class (E-5). Two commendation medals.

CERTIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

Federal CIO Certificate · Security+ · Network+ · CEH · ECSA · Master Project Manager · Doctorate in Religious Studies

CREATIVE

3D animator (iClone 8, Character Creator), creator of Nepotism 2051 · DaVinci Resolve editor · Admin, Black Animators group (9,000+ members)