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Angel Rodriquez

Angel joined the e-Procurement Bureau March 2008 as an e-Procurement Support Manager. Angel has more than 12 years of purchasing experience with the private sector and federal and local government along with many years of IT experience. Currently, his primary focus is the professional buyer module (e-Procurement) which processes electronic sealed bid procurements and the VBO Module.

Duane Thompson

Duane Thompson is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Sabrosa Foods Inc., (SFI). Duane graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. His ten plus year career in retail commercial real estate brokerage and construction provides (SFI) with an array of managerial expertise in financial planning, critical thinking, team leadership, communication and organization. Duane is in charge of (SFI's) day to day business operations. He is responsible for, but not limited too hiring and training new employees, maintaining financial reports, tracking inventory, overseeing production & quality assurance, scheduling, attending trade shows, generating sales, timely correspondence with suppliers and buyers. He also assumes the role of President/CEO of (SFI). His management experience provides the company insight and knowledge that reinforced the idea to start a business from scratch and build a company culture. Duane's duties under this role consist of setting the overall direction of the company, identifying new markets, brand recognition & differentiation, setting budgets, forming partnerships and will be accountable to a future board and shareholders of the company.

Khrystina Vaughan

Khrys Vaughan is the founder of Her Startup, the company that helps women launch and grow their businesses by giving back. Her Startup's mission is not only to put an end to the battle between work that matters vs. work that pays the bills, but to create a new breed of women business owners – those who have created lives worth living and legacies worth leaving. Khrys has more than eight years experience in Project Management, and has worked with various Telcommunication companies since 1987. She previously established two companies that served clientele in the U.S. and abroad, including faith-based and non-profit organizations. Other accomplishments include producing an industry-first webcast and one season of a pilot for Internet television. Khrys is a Certified PMP (Project Management Professional) and Executive Producer of Launch Notes, a weekly radio show highlighting diverse women in business.

Priscilla Warsley

After working in public and private sectors from investment banking to non-profit and government agencies, Priscilla Warsley is using her skills to benefit NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to attract and retain students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. As the Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research and Education Experience (INSPIRE) Coordinator and NASA Langley Aerospace Education Services Project (AESP) Program Specialist, Priscilla works with educators and students in a five state region. Since coming to NASA Langley two years ago she has educated hundreds of students at schools, career fairs, informal events and in the INSPIRE program about the various career and student opportunities at NASA. Priscilla Warsley received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Sciences in 1998 from Georgia State University and a Masters degree in Business Administration in 2004 from LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. In 1998 she also received a certification in child advocate as Court Appointed Child Advocate (CASA) of New Orleans. She also obtained a certification in youth development with Boys and Girls Town in 2006 in Omaha, NE.

Bessie Willis

Bessie Willis has a Masters in Business Administration and is employed as the Employee Relations & Training Coordinator for West Corporation. She serves on the Greater Peninsula Workforce Development Board and several other Boards. Bessie has trained with the National Defense University – Information Resources Management College in Cyber Law.