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EXPERIENCE

Principal, Darrel J. Saizan and Associates, Inc., New Orleans, LA
May 1994-Present

Principal in the firm that specializes in transportation planning, economic and community development, and project management. Currently Vice President of the New Orleans Industrial Development Board. Presently involved as part of the Master Consultant Team for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (LANOIA). Presently involved in the US 61/Tulane Ave Corridor Transportation Master Plan for the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). Previously a member of the planning team for the Baton Rouge to New Orleans Intercity Rail Feasibility Study sponsored by RPC and the Southern Rail Commission (SRC). Was a member of the construction management team for the UPT/Loyola to Canal Street Rail Expansion Project for the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority. Previously involved in the New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal Multimodal (NOUPT) Infrastructure Improvement Project and the NOUPT Master Plan Update for RPC. Also involved on the planning team for the Jefferson/Orleans East-West Corridor/Earhart Boulevard study for LADOTD. Previously involved as a Project Coordinator/Transportation Planner for the Louisiana Statewide Rail Plan and the NOUPT Multimodal Project. Previously involved as Project Manager in the construction of the new Warehouse and Shops Facility for the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board. As part of all of the above listed projects, this firm has also been involved in consensus building among stakeholders and structuring community/institutional partnerships in support of the goals of each project. This firm is certified as a DBE by NORTA, NOAB, The Regional Planning Commission, LADOTD, and is certified under the Louisiana Unified Certification Program.

Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, New Orleans, LA
January 1991- May 1994

Responsible for the supervision of all employees in the Mayor's office. Appointed by the Mayor to the Board of the Orleans Levee District (OLD) (1991-1994). As part of the OLD chaired the Real Estate Committee, which supervised the staff that operated two marinas: the Orleans Marina and South Shore Harbor. Appointed by the Mayor as a member of the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (1986-1994). Liaison to all transportation agencies including the Regional Transit Authority, the New Orleans Aviation Board, the Port of New Orleans, and the New Orleans Union Passenger Committee. Assisted in the formulation of the city's legislative agenda for the Louisiana State Legislature and was involved in formulating requests for funding at the Federal/Congressional Level in Washington, D.C. This also included formulation of the city's funding requests for the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program. Involved as the Coordinator of the Canal Streetcar Restoration Project and coordinated the regional effort which resulted in the legislation creating the New Orleans Arena.

Director of Economic Development, City of New Orleans

May 1986-December 1990

Lead representative for the City in attracting business and industrial development. Directly supervised the New Orleans Industrial Development Board (IDB) and the Almonaster-Michoud Industrial District Board. Responsible for the implementation of the City's business incentives programs as well as incentive programs from state and federal government. Involved in formulating the city's overall economic development plan and community development plan. Supervised a staff of 30 and coordinated 100 million dollars in public works improvement projects in the Industrial District. Coordinated the City's recruitment of a 1 million square foot distribution facility in the Industrial District.

Assistant Director, New Orleans Food Center Authority, LA

Department of Agriculture

August 1981- December 1985

Responsible for coordination of a feasibility study and pursued implementation of a regional food distribution center in Eastern New Orleans.

EDUCATION

Master of Liberal Arts

Tulane University, LA

Bachelor of Arts

Xavier University, New Orleans, LA

Majored in History and Political Science

REFERENCES

Furnished upon request