



## Resume of Verdad Systems Consultant

### Gary Holden

#### Core Profile:

- Information Systems Audit
- IT Security Management
- SOX & Non SOX Audits
- IT Due Diligence



#### Experience Summary:

Mr. Holden has extensive leadership experience managing the development and implementation of technology strategies across a variety of industries; Pharmaceuticals, Financial Services and Manufacturing companies. Primary strengths include delivering cost effective solutions and leading the professional teams to meet strategic initiatives. He is a proven leader with a wide range of technical experience and skills.

Expertise includes:

- Strategic Planning
- ERP implementations
- Project Management
- Information Architectures
- Sarbanes -Oxley
- Security Management

Mr. Holden has consulted for a wide variety of companies in different industries. He has provided services from strategic planning to security management. His engagements have included both public and private companies and companies that interface with public government agencies. Some of the companies had domestic and foreign operations for which Mr. Holden provided services. He has been engaged in the consulting aspects of information technology since 1999. The engagements include some of the companies below:

- **Amgen, Inc.** – Sarbanes Oxley audits, security audit of a Forensic tool used in eDiscovery,
- **Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP** – due diligence and audit support,
- **Ferro Corporation** – Ferro Sarbanes-Oxley compliance initiative.
- **LSI International** – document imaging, secure networking, and transitional support,
- **LEA Detection Systems Inc.** – setting technical directions for this start up operation

Mr. Holden was employed by a Fortune 100 company, **Merck & Co., Inc.**, to manage their IT operations. He worked for Merck and its divisions for a period of fourteen years as Director of Information Technology and a Manager of Systems & Programming.

A previously public now private company, **DOLE FOODS, Westlake Village, CA**, with national distribution also employed Gary as their Director, Information Technology – Corporate Headquarters, for three years.

His accomplishments included:

### **Merck**

Responsibility for all divisional automation activities, including strategic systems development, telecommunications, and global networking for this 1,400 employee, \$350M multinational division. Led the restructuring and redesign of the Information Technology department while maintaining tight budgetary controls.

- Received recognition as one of the best managed Merck IT organizations by virtue of top scores (97%) on internal automation audits.
- Led the business into Sales Force Automation, Internet Marketing, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), Process Control, and R&D lab automation. All projects were initiated and managed to maximize ROI.

### **Dole Foods**

Responsible for developing and maintaining Dole's worldwide technology infrastructure. This included data/voice/video communications, IBM AS/400 and PeopleSoft technology, desktop technologies, and the corporate presence on the Internet. Chaired the Dole Technology Council that established strategic technology investment directions.

- Organized and led the creation of a global strategic information network for MIS management.
- Performed technology due diligence for acquisitions.
- Led the restructuring of the corporate worldwide voice and data network resulting in an overall telecom reduction of 18%.
- Led the development and implementation of corporate MIS security policies and operational procedures.
- Reduced AS/400 capital expenditures by over \$1.75M by instituting capacity management techniques.
- Co-led, with Arthur Andersen, the installation of a PeopleSoft EWorld global financial consolidation system in fifteen sites.

### **Education:**

**BS, Industrial Engineering, Northeastern University, Boston,**

**Management and Finance** for Non-Financial Executives, **Columbia University** Including a variety of executive management and technology training.