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Enterprise Infrastructure & Security Executive

Senior technology executive with 20+ years building and securing enterprise infrastructure at global scale. Currently leading network operations, security architecture, and AI deployment at Oxbow, a global energy commodity company operating across five continents. Holds active CISSP certification; hands-on experience across NIST CSF, SOC 2, ISO 27001, and CIS Controls.

Certifications

(ISC)² CISSP · Cisco CCNA · EC-Council C|EH · EC-Council C|HFI · ITIL Foundation · Microsoft MCITP · CompTIA Network+

Core Competencies

- Security Governance & Compliance
- NIST CSF · SOC 2 · ISO 27001 · CIS Controls
- Cyber Insurance Readiness
- AI Deployment & Automation (Azure / Copilot / Claude)
- Enterprise Network Architecture
- Vendor & Contract Management

Technical Expertise

Security Operations: Palo Alto Prisma Access (SASE), Palo Alto NextGen Firewalls, Panorama, CrowdStrike EDR, Huntress EDR, Microsoft Defender, Darktrace NDR, BitSight, Cisco & WatchGuard Firewalls

SIEM & Vulnerability Mgmt: StellarCyber, Splunk, Qualys, Tenable Nessus, Tenable Security Center

Cloud & AI: Microsoft Azure, Azure AI Foundry, Microsoft Fabric, Copilot, Power Automate, Claude (Anthropic), Google Gemini, VMware, Microsoft HyperV

Microsoft 365 & Identity: Microsoft Entra ID, Intune, Teams Voice, SharePoint, Exchange Online, Microsoft 365

Networking & Monitoring: Cisco (Routers, Switches, Wireless, Meraki, CUCM), PepLink BBNA, Ruckus Wireless, Neat AV, ManageEngine OpManager, SolarWinds

ITSM & Operations: BMC Footprints, SolarWinds Service Desk, Veeam, rConfig, Windows Server 2016–2022

Professional Experience

Principal Consultant

June 2023 – Present

SmallNet LLC – West Palm Beach, FL

- IT and security consultancy delivering enterprise-grade security governance and infrastructure expertise to professional services, nonprofit, and specialty-retail clients across South Florida.
- Services include security posture assessment, cyber insurance readiness documentation, compliance framework alignment (NIST CSF, CIS Controls), cloud infrastructure design, and AI workflow automation.
- Client roster spans professional services, nonprofit, and specialty retail organizations across South Florida.

Director of Network Operations

October 2021 – Present

Oxbow Carbon LLC – West Palm Beach, FL

- Lead the network operations engineering and administration team; own all aspects of security infrastructure, technology strategy, and vendor management across 20+ international sites on five continents — including multi-million-dollar technology portfolio, contract negotiations, and enterprise purchase planning.
- Present security posture, risk status, and incident findings to executive leadership; lead annual tabletop exercises, commission penetration testing and third-party risk assessments, and manage SWIFT Customer Security Programme (CSP) attestation for Oxbow's financial messaging infrastructure.
- Own all incident response operations — lead response to security events coordinating with law enforcement and third-party IR firms; manage enterprise SOCaaS engagement providing 24/7 monitoring and threat detection.

- Architect and maintain information security governance framework aligned to NIST CSF, SOC 2, ISO 27001, and CIS Controls; administer Microsoft Entra identity and access management, enforce zero-trust access controls, and oversee compliance monitoring.
- Led enterprise AI deployment program — deployed production AI tools across Azure AI Foundry, Microsoft Fabric, Copilot, Claude, and Gemini; shipped an operational AI assistant and automated safety training platform used daily by staff across the organization.
- Own global unified communications infrastructure including Cisco CUCM telephony clusters, Microsoft Teams Voice, and enterprise AV/conference room systems (Neat) across all international sites.
- Oxbow named Gartner 2025 Eye on Innovation Award winner for Advanced Manufacturing — supported from architecture through execution.

Network / Security / Collaboration Engineer

November 2014 – October 2021

Oxbow Carbon LLC – West Palm Beach, FL

- Designed, implemented, and operated enterprise networking, security systems, and collaboration platforms across a distributed international environment.
- Built the WAN architecture, Active-Active VPN infrastructure, and security baseline that scaled with the business through significant organizational growth.
- Configured and supported Next-Gen firewalls, switches, load balancers, and routers; developed monitoring and visibility capabilities and reported on security incidents, vulnerabilities, and trends to leadership.

IT Director / Engineer

September 2006 – November 2014

Ask The Advisors / Audio Advisors, Inc. – West Palm Beach, FL

- Built and owned the full IT function for a high-end AV integration and advisory firm serving luxury residential and commercial clients across South Florida.
- Led strategic IT initiatives improving business functionality and client service delivery; planned and managed scalable, secure technology projects with demanding client expectations.
- Delivered formal CompTIA A+ and Network+ training for 20+ technical staff members; led quarterly product development and technology seminars.

Pharmacy Systems Analyst

May 2006 – September 2006

Broward Health – Broward, FL

- Integrated PPID (Positive Patient Identification) hardware and software; enforced HIPAA and public health privacy requirements across hospital pharmacy systems.

Education

State University of New York at Buffalo State

June 2002 – June 2006

B.S., Business Administration (Management Concentration) • Minor, Computer Information Systems

Professional Leadership

SIM South Florida — Board Member & RLF (Rising Leader Forum) Chair

February 2026 – Present

SIM (Society for Information Management) is the premier peer organization for CIOs, CTOs, and senior technology executives. Board-level role with chair responsibilities for the Rising Leader Forum program.

Awards & Affiliations

- Gartner 2025 Eye on Innovation Award — Advanced Manufacturing (Oxbow Carbon)
- ISACA Member
- (ISC)² InterSec Member