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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Over 20 years directorial experience in parks, recreation, historic preservation and tourism
- Fostered private funding for public parks and historic sites through partnerships with independent organizations, corporations and citizen groups
- Led tourism development in protected national and international areas.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, Venetia Consulting

2005 – Present—Formed the Venetia Consulting company specializing in historic preservation, international travel and tourism. Planned tourism programs in Russia and China focusing on cultural resources and human rights. Supported and fundraised for local candidates for election with strong environmental records.

Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service

1995 – 2005—Provided leadership and direction in the strategic planning, management and operation of 75 national park system areas, as well as technical assistance and partnership programs in the 13 state Northeast Region. The region included the cities of Richmond, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Boston, is one of the most visited in the National Park Service, hosting more than 55 million visitors annually. Fourteen out of the 27 national designated heritage areas are located here. Overall responsibility for thousands of acres of parkland, including Acadia and Shenandoah National Parks and millions of artifacts that include two of the Nation's iconic treasures: the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell

Worked with international park planners to develop park systems in Europe, Africa and Asia and to encourage sustainable tourism.

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region, National Park Service

1992 – 1995—Initiated a regional effort in the Northeast for a systemic approach to the sustainability of the environment. Promoted water conservation techniques and the use of recycled, energy efficient and nonpolluting materials. Worked on a long term conservation plan for the vast and fragile Chesapeake Bay ecosystem with the Environmental Protection Agency and State governments.

Led National Park Service regional efforts in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island with support from the fundraising group, the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. The goal of 500 million dollars was raised for the restorations.

Through partnership building with the city of Philadelphia, the state of Pennsylvania and the private citizen group, the National Constitution Center, brought new vitality to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The achievement was the new Liberty Bell Center, the Visitor Center and the National Constitution Center. This was accomplished at the time of increased threats of terrorism and security concerns. Over 300 million dollars of private, federal, state and local resources were obtained.

EDUCATION

- B.A. Political Science, Marymount Manhattan College
- M.A. Public Administration Columbia University
- J.D. New England School of Law

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