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## Professional Sales/Territory Representative

Award-winning territory manager and manufacturer's representative with ten years' successful sales experience. Deliver consistent and sustainable revenue gains, profit growth, and market-share increases through strategic sales leadership. Self-motivated and assertive top performer who sets objectives and achieves them. Develop innovative programs and solutions that promote sales and maintain long-term, profitable relationships. Manage and mentor team sales and establish quotas and goals.

### Career Highlights

Independent Sales, Nashville, TN

03/2002 - present

Territory Manager representing 13 manufacturers of commercial foodservice equipment in Middle Tennessee and Northern Alabama. Grew sales 46 percent in four years.

- Market manufacturers' products to equipment dealers and end-users including schools, restaurant and nursing home chains, hospitals, local restaurants and foodservice consultants.
- Educate clients on products, negotiate pricing and rebates, run promotions, expand floor stocking programs, and conduct sales training and product demonstrations.
- Conduct preventative maintenance seminars for school food service directors and their employees to promote sales of equipment.
- Lobby for school nutrition bills and monies at School Nutrition Legislative Action Conference in Washington annually.
- > Create and implement company marketing and advertising strategies and materials to promote products.
- Advise factory sales managers of market threats and opportunities.
- Coordinate and attend local and national trade shows, product open houses and Mobile Solutions Center.

Marketing of the South, Inc., Nashville, TN

08/1999 - 03/2002

*Territory Manager* representing 14 manufacturers of commercial foodservice equipment in Middle and East Tennessee and Northern Alabama. Grew sales from \$1.8 million to \$4.1 in three years. Activities were similar to those in current job.

- > Educated end users and consultants on products so that products would be specified.
- > Trained dealer sales people to actively promote and sell products.

Smith MSC, Division of Smith-Jones, Inc., Nashville, TN

08/1995 - 08/1999

Senior Manager Marketing Services for manufacturer of commercial dishmachines.

Promoted from Sales and Marketing Coordinator in 01/1998.

- Mentored sales representatives in techniques for generating and growing core product line sales.
- Created advertising and product literature layout for magazines and product specifications.
- > Set up trade show booths and initiated after-show follow-up with prospective customers.
- Conducted product and application training for sales representatives.
- Prepared monthly reports, company quotes, and sales quotas.
- > Established sales programs, contracts, and specials for dealer buying groups and individual dealers.
- Oversaw government contract sales and negotiations.
- Participated on North American Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Sales and Marketing Committee.
- Represented company at industry conferences such as Manufacturers' Agents for Food Service Industry, Foodservice Consultants Society International, Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association, North American Food Equipment Manufacturers, and dealer buying groups.
- Arranged national sales meetings including planning agenda, location selection, transportation arrangements, meals and entertainment.
- Produced internal sales training materials and department procedures.
- Developed future marketing strategies, SWOT analysis, and long-range goals with the Planning Committee comprised of President, Vice Presidents, and Operations Manager.

#### **Education/Computer Skills**

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN – Bachelor of Science, Graduated 05/1994 – Marketing Major Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Quark Express

#### **Affiliations**

Middle Tennessee Chef's Association, Tennessee School Food Service Association, Manufacturers' Agents for Food Service Industry (MAFSI)

#### Recognition

American Panel Individual Territory Development of the Year Award – 2000 Atkins Temptec Highest Degree of Excellence for Superior Sales Achievement – 2000