

# LINDA BENTON

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## EXPERTISE

- Budgeting
- Forecasting
- Operational Finance
- Communication
- Strategic Planning
- Process Optimization
- Financial Data Analysis
- Business Systems Utilization

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## EDUCATION / CERTIFICATION

### **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**

Western Governors University

### **Bachelor of Science, Accounting**

Utah State University

### **Certified Management Accountant**

Institute of Management Accountants

### **Certified in Strategy and Competitive Analysis**

Institute of Management Accountants

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## EXPERIENCE

### **2020 – Present**

#### **Vice President**

VyClimb Consulting, LLC

- Helping businesses achieve their strategic goals by providing expert business strategy, operations, and technical guidance
- Providing guidance on regulatory compliance, safety management, and talent development to help businesses thrive in today's fast-paced air medical environment
- Specializing in improving operational efficiency, reducing costs, and optimizing performance to help clients stay competitive

### **2018 – 2020**

#### **Director of FP&A, Business Systems & Operational Finance**

Air Methods – Englewood, CO

- Worked as a team to build business unit from \$35M to \$125M annual revenue – 257% top line growth
- Drove cost & pricing strategies and expense alignment to grow EBITDA from \$1M to \$25M annually – 240% growth
- Optimized month-end processes to shorten close from 15 to 8 days
- Led annual budget process and quarterly forecasts
- Designed and presented monthly operational and financial performance slides to executive leadership
- Led major ERP implementation, working with, and supporting all stakeholders
- Managed the process of determining indirect cost rates for DoD Forward Pricing Rate Agreements
- Participated in the development of operational and financial strategic plans

### **2014 – 2018**

#### **Senior Financial Analyst**

Air Methods – Englewood, CO

- Analyzed complex financial information to provide summaries and recommendations to executive team
- Managed the development and utilization of the ERP and supporting business systems to optimize processes and ensure compliance with SOX, CAS and FARS/DFARS – working closely with IT
- Developed positive teamwork and achievement-orientated work culture across departments

### **2012 – 2014**

#### **Cost Accountant**

Air Methods – Englewood, CO

- Led revenue recognition processes for multifaceted business unit
- Validated transaction data and prepared month-end close journal entries
- Optimized account reconciliations

### **2007 – 2012**

#### **Assistant Controller**

All Packaging Company – Aurora, CO

- Assisted preparation of transactions according to GAAP, including AP, AR, accruals and inventory/WIP
- Implemented job cost and variance data analysis procedures