

Chief Financial Officer for Hire

It may not make sense to hire a Chief Financial Officer to run your business but what if you still need CFO advice? M5 Consulting offers a CFO for Hire service designed for companies with annual revenue of \$5 million to \$50 million and that need a consultant to review financial information, manage risk and communicate with lenders.

In today's market, as an example, a company could spend \$150,000 to invest in an internal financial expert. Our firm can offer the same service for a fraction of the cost and also offer a unique and diverse perspective. Because M5 Consulting works with a variety of industries, it is this perspective that helps all of our clients remain competitive and on the cutting edge of financial management.

The staff at M5 Consulting is connected. We'll sit down with your people and bring our own core group to offer first-hand knowledge and translate that into bottom-line profitability. CFO for Hire clients currently include the areas of professional services, construction, manufacturing, biofuels, feed yard and production agriculture operations.

- **Business Performance Consulting** – Our firm will review your financial statements and spend time in your field or facility to gather an overall view on where your business is headed. We visit with your key personnel to better understand the overall atmosphere of your company and dispel myths. M5 Consulting will analyze profit centers, find what needs to be changed and help you implement those changes.
- **Financial Statement Preparation and Analysis** – One of the largest problems in small business today is poor information. A company can be managed without quality information but it is difficult and risky. Our firm works to create financial data that allows you to access pertinent information including cash flow, debt service demands and financial performance.
- **Risk Management Knowledge** – One hiccup can cost your business the ability to survive. Everyone in today's market is faced with risk management whether it's workers compensation, general liability insurance, bonding companies or hedging. We can help you effectively manage these areas to avoid lawsuits and negotiate the best cost situation for long-term viability of your business.
- **Financial Systems** – As a company grows out of its current financial software, it needs advice on where to go next. Our firm can help identify a system that will fulfill your needs including accurate real-time information, essential levels of security and user-friendly software. We also train your staff to fully utilize the software so you receive the most benefit for your investment.
- **Banking Communication** – In today's financial environment, maintaining a close relationship with your lender has never been more important. Providing them with timely and accurate information is a large part of that relationship. We can help you create that information and communicate it to your lender in order to build a partnership of trust and strength.