GENE KOMAR

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SUMMARY

A highly accomplished, results-driven, analytical Senior Executive with extensive aviation maintenance planning experience in fleet optimization, regulatory compliance, and strategic long-range planning in high-stakes environments. Successfully develops and implements comprehensive maintenance schedules and fleet management strategies that minimize operational disruptions, enhance aircraft utilization, and align with growth objectives. Adept at anticipating potential challenges, evaluating aircraft requirements, and providing decision support to leadership. Committed to continuous improvement through technological integration and financial planning, ensuring operational readiness and long-term success.

Budget Management | Leadership Abilities | Financial Management
Regulatory Compliance | Executive Engagement | Process Improvement | Mitigation
Risk Management | Coaching and Mentoring | Data Governance

EXPERIENCE

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES — Dallas, Texas
Manager, Long-Range Planning — 2022 – 2025

- During a pandemic, created and implemented the largest-ever recovery plan, re-introducing the fleet back to revenue service, with an estimated cost saving of circa $25.20M.
- Designed an enhanced, complex fleet optimization system to maintain the operational fleet, updating modernization of new aircraft, resulting in advanced technology for Southwest's customers.
- Secured long-term adherence to environmental and FAA safety regulations in accordance with approved maintenance program.
- Delivered strategic planning for major maintenance events, modifications, aircraft enhancements, and overhauls while minimizing operational disruptions, reducing aircraft downtime, and optimizing costs.
- Prepared situational scenarios for leadership decision support to help determine future aircraft requirement needs, fleet retirements, and acquisitions to align capacity with corporate objectives.
- Mitigated risks by anticipating and evaluating potential challenges with in-house and MRO capacity, volatility, manpower / skill challenges, and union implications, allowing for proactive decision making.
- Supported budgeting, capital expenditures, and forecasting by aligning operational goals with financial planning and analysis department to minimize associated costs.
- Evaluated emerging technologies and systems for operational efficiency in optimized scheduling as well as dashboard tools for measurement of key performance indicators and cost effectiveness.
- Adapted to passenger preferences and demand patterns by offering scenario options for evaluation to maintain market competitiveness.
- Guaranteed operational readiness, financial health, and strategic positioning for long-term success.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES — Dallas, Texas
Supervisor, Long-Range Planning — 2018 – 2022

- Developed economically and operationally enhanced strategic plan that maximized aircraft utilization and profitability and increased aircraft revenue availability from 89.8% to 95.6%.
- Facilitated key strategic plan scenarios with network planning, operations performance, finance, fleet acquisitions, maintenance programs, and engineering to build holistic fleet plan aligned with new corporate growth strategy.
- Ensured 100% FAA and regulatory safety compliance and operational feasibility for entire four-year period while meeting or exceeding all corporate objectives.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES — Dallas, Texas
Fleet Controller, Long-Range Strategic Planning — 2007 – 2018

- Developed and implemented a strategic maintenance program to prevent and avoid overfly incidents, resulting in a 100% reduction.
- Facilitated the maintenance strategic growth plan, MRO capacity, and skill to accommodate company expansion from 409 to 749 aircraft.
- Conducted in-depth data analysis of senior-level scenarios for decision support of corporate aircraft growth, streamlining into revenue service and sunsetting of retirement aircraft.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, **Senior Fleet Planner, Engineering Planning,** 1999 – 2007. Implemented a new engineering order system that resulted in saving the 100+ aircraft from being grounded and set the standard for tracking all fleet types going forward. Coordinated technical activities necessary to determine scheduling requirements of Federal Aviation Administration mandates and mandatory engineering authorizations given varying station capabilities, manpower, and aircraft availability. Initiated release and monitoring of FAA Airworthiness Directives, establishing priority of accomplishment and documenting compliance.

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, **Technical Coordinator, Maintenance Planning and Scheduling,** 1990 – 1999. Managed long-range planning of required maintenance programs and special scheduling of engineering orders, repair authorizations, structural repair requirements, and unscheduled non-routine maintenance events. Provided senior management with long-range planning and budgeting scenarios affected by corporate and aviation industry forecasts.

EDUCATION

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, Rochester, Michigan
B.S., Business Administration - Economics

CERTIFICATIONS

Black Belt, Six Sigma
Green Belt, Six Sigma

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aerostrat, MRO / Airline Heavy Maintenance Program Management Software, Southwest Airlines, 2021
AMES, Advanced Airline Maintenance Planning and Scheduling Software, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, 2002