

Samson Demissie Teffera is a seasoned Project Manager with 15 years of information technology experience, with a strong background in Project Management, Vendor/contractor Oversight. Strengths in formulating long-term strategic policies and technological initiatives that have supported organizational growth, improved staff productivity, and increased profit margins. Demonstrated ability to influence diverse, cross-functional teams to achieve objectives and meet critical deadlines in fast-paced environments. Excel at strategic planning, building high performance teams, project management, and implementing best practice methodologies and continuous improvement.

Currently:

He is a senior government Project Management Office team lead for US Department of Labor. In this capacity he provides leadership and guidance as it relates to the Project Management discipline to include related methodologies, procedures, tools, templates, techniques, standards and best practices.

Core Competencies

- Contract Oversight • Program Management • Leadership • Strategic Planning • Risk Mitigation
- Conflict Resolution • System Integration • Process Improvement • Vendor Management
- Team Building • Application Deployment • Public Relations

Professional affiliations and credentials include:**Education**

- Master of Science, Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
- Associate in Computer Information Systems
- Diploma in Computer Programming

Professional Membership

- Registered **Volunteer Expert** with [IESC](#).
- Member of [The Internet Society](#)
- Member Association for Federal Information Resources Management ([AFFIRM](#))
- Member Project Management Institute [Washington DC Chapter](#)
- Member Lions Club International

Volunteer Activities/Interests:

- Gave several interviews for the Voice of America radio program on volunteerism.
- With the help of Ethiopian Airlines Mr. Teffera donated several hundreds of technical text books, Computer Based Training materials and office supplies to Addis Ababa University.
- Donated rare and expensive books to Ethiopian Economic Association
- Served as a Board member Ethiopian Community Center Washington DC
- Served as a founder and board member Citizen League of Ethiopian Americans
- Founding member Taytu Poetry Club Washington DC
- Volunteer and Ethiopia desk representative for [World Computer Exchange](#)
- Volunteer Expert with International Executive Service Corps (American private not-for-profit organization)
- Organized several Information Technology Symposiums

Conflict Resolution/Humanitarian Activities

- Accompanied US Congressman Mike Honda on his Humanitarian visit to Ethiopia 2005.
- Accompanied Dr. Donald Levine on post election mediation mission to Ethiopia 2006.
- Presented a paper on E-learning: 1st international ICT conference Economic Commission for Africa Addis Ababa Ethiopia May 2006.

Public Relations/Volunteer Engagement

- Completed a year long Conflict Resolution Dialogue at George Mason University.
- Poet and peace advocate some of his work appeared in UN quarterly magazine, and variety of Internet sites.
- Organized and chaired the first major [ICT conference](#) that connected IT professionals in Ethiopia, and North America. (World Bank Washington DC 2008)
- As a registered Volunteer Expert with IESC got selected to complete a feasibility study for Ethiopian Chamber of commerce ICT modernization project. (Sponsored by USAID and VEGA Ethiopia) (2008)
- Key Note Speaker Lions Club January 2009 Meeting (Sheraton Addis Ethiopia)
- LECTURED on the benefit of Project Management Office (Zemen Bank Addis Ababa Ethiopia 2009)
- Taught Project Management Course (Ethiopian Telecommunication June 2009)

Samson is highly-motivated, self starter able to manage complex, deadline driven projects. In addition to his successful professional career, he is a registered volunteer expert involved in volunteer work. Volunteering has its benefits! He gained leadership, communication, problem solving, consensus, and team-building skills - skills that helped him a great deal in his professional career. He is actively involved in several initiatives bridging the technology gap between Ethiopia and the Diaspora. He organized, led and participated in a number of technology conferences and workshops.

Samson also received over a dozen professional trainings from industry leading educational institutions. Samson is married with two beautiful children. He resides with his family in Springfield Virginia U.S.A.