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Jerome A. (Jerry) Kruczek has been a data processing executive and consultant for the past 30 years. He joined Spann & Associates, Inc. in 1992 and serves as vice-president of Educational Development. He has provided training and consulting services throughout the United States as well as in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Prior to assuming his current position, he was Senior Vice-President of Technical Services for FIS, a national financial service bureau. In that position, he was responsible for telecommunications, microcomputers, systems software and database management on a multi-vendor computer installation serving over 500 financial institutions throughout the United States. He managed the redesign of the entire data communications network, the restructuring of the mainframe teleprocessing software and the design and implementation of an on-line database query system. He was also responsible for the planning and implementation of a disaster recovery network for the corporation. In addition, he and his staff provided data communications support for a wholly owned subsidiary that offered business resumption services to companies throughout the country.

Mr. Kruczek was Manager of Telecommunications for The Quaker Oats Company in Chicago where he installed the company's first Executive Information System. He was responsible for an international data communications network connecting over 100 locations with the multi-computer information utility in Quaker's corporate headquarters. He also developed a contingency plan to permit on-going communications in the event of a major disaster to that network. He supervised the design of the telecommunications network for the company's new corporate headquarters incorporating local area networking, telephone communications and multi-system mainframe communications. Prior to that position, he was Manager of IS Administration, Assistant Database Administrator and Timesharing Coordinator.

While at Quaker Oats, he also served on a multi-company committee in the Grocery Products Industry that defined the Electronic Data Interchange standards by which food producers, wholesalers and retailers exchange orders, invoices and shipping notices. During that process, he chaired the sub-committee that defined the technical standards by which the entire grocery industry exchanges sales-related information.

As a consultant, he directed the implementation of a new computer reservation system for a large travel agency network and planned their move to a new headquarters location. He has worked extensively in the financial data management arena. He is an acknowledged expert on personal computers, applications software, timesharing, telecommunications and information technology planning.

Mr. Kruczek has spoken to numerous groups of executives and professionals in the financial, data processing and telecommunications industry as well as in federal and local government. Several computer vendors have asked him to present his perspective on information processing management to their managers and clients. He has taught personal computers, data processing and telecommunications to technical and non-technical personnel including the senior management of several large organizations. He is also the author of four books on Information Technology. Senior management of many organizations have sought his opinion on developments in telecommunications.

Among the courses he has developed and taught for various groups within the United States Government are Local Area Networking Concepts, Local Area Networking Administration, X.25 Packet Switching, Advanced Data Communications, Telecommunications for Security Analysts, Windows NT and XP, Microsoft Exchange Server, Information Warfare and Principles of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

Mr. Kruczek completed his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Notre Dame. Following graduate work in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois, he received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

One of his newest accomplishments is being recognized as one of an elite group of people referred to as Certified Information System Security Professionals. Mr. Kruczek is now certified by ISC² to teach, consult and provide expertise in all IT security concerns. This will prove to be a valuable asset to the IRS as they move toward a unified software environment using Microsoft products like Windows XP and the Windows Server platform using the Common Operating Environment [COE].