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Senior Systems and Cloud Engineer

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Hiring Manager
Northstar Equipment Supply
Aurora, IL

Dear Hiring Manager,

I'm applying for the Senior Systems and Cloud Engineer role at Northstar Equipment Supply. I have eight years of experience operating hybrid infrastructure across Azure, GCP, and on-premises data centers, with hands-on responsibility for Windows, Linux, Nutanix, networking, identity, storage, backup, and disaster recovery. The work described here matches how I operate best: close to the systems, deliberate about standards, and focused on making infrastructure easier to run.

In my current role, I designed reusable Terraform modules for Azure networking, identity, compute, storage, and tagging. Moving those builds into peer-reviewed Git workflows replaced inconsistent manual provisioning with a repeatable process that engineers could review, test, and support. I also established Azure landing-zone controls and GCP project standards for VPN connectivity, role-based access, backups, resource hygiene, and cost visibility. These efforts required more than cloud-service knowledge; they depended on sound decisions about identity, networking, operational ownership, and the on-premises systems connected to each environment.

I have also worked through the less visible work that keeps infrastructure dependable. I lead Windows Server and Linux patching and hardening improvements, maintain Nutanix cluster capacity and performance practices, and use PowerShell and Bash to reduce routine administration. In previous roles, I automated account provisioning, certificate renewal, compliance checks, patch reporting, and service validation. When incidents occur, I trace problems through systems, authentication, DNS, network paths, and application dependencies rather than stopping at the first alert.

Clear documentation and practical communication are part of that work. I have created architecture diagrams, recovery checklists, runbooks, rollback procedures, and standard operating procedures for both engineers and service-desk teams. I have also mentored engineers through incident reviews, disaster-recovery exercises, and Terraform patterns. I would welcome the opportunity to bring that combination of cloud engineering, infrastructure fundamentals, and steady operational improvement to Northstar Equipment Supply.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome a conversation about how I can support Northstar's hybrid infrastructure and cloud initiatives.

Sincerely,

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