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Pete Culpepper, CPA, MBA, has spent 20 years in the financial field working for a wide range of companies and industries in the U.S. and abroad, especially high-growth startups. His experience with for-profit companies ranges from private start-ups to publicly traded, global conglomerates. He also has worked with large non-profits and a national CPA accounting firm. He led the national operating unit of a \$1 billion publicly traded telecommunications company, as well as numerous operating units in Eastern Europe for a global telecommunications company. He handled the capital reporting process for a \$5 billion global construction project and the formation of systems for a division that grew \$150 million in revenue in two years.

He is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Maryland and Tennessee. His professional affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Financial Executives International and the Financial Executives Networking Group. Culpepper holds a master's of business administration (MBA) in finance from the University of Maryland. He earned an AAS in Accounting from the Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale, Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the College of William and Mary.