
NEXT CAREER: CONSULTANT

explore and expand your range of possibilities

Key Gains

- exposure to new companies and cultures
- opportunity to develop new skills
- flexibility that can enhance work / life balance
- opportunity to enhance professional network

Key Considerations

- you don't "own" the project
- you might not be part of the final project
- you are not part of the client company "family" and you realize it is not personal if you are not included in client company events

Role Models

Rose Cook, CEO and Founder of FlexPro Group, began her career as a packaging machinery engineer. Throughout her corporate career Rose worked hard to develop and expand her skillsets. As a result, she ascended the corporate ladder.

After about a dozen years in corporate, Rose decided to go out on her own as a consultant. She gave it a brief trial and returned to corporate. However, in time, life circumstances left Rose longing for greater autonomy and improved work/life balance. So, Rose decided to take the plunge and start her own consulting company, FlexPro Group. Rose's twin sister, Lynn, who is also a packaging engineer, decided to join Rose in her venture as the company's Chief Operating Officer.

Today, FlexPro Group has achieved more than a decade of growth and successes. Rose has been recognized by *Inc* magazine as a Top Female CEO.



Source: *Wit and Wisdom: Journeys through Career Transition*, coauthor Linda Lojewski. Available on Amazon

Is consulting right for me? Ask yourself these key questions . . .

- Do I adapt quickly to new environments?
- Do I enjoy variety in work tasks and am I willing to try new work tasks?
- Am I able to navigate complex, matrix work environments with low level of supervision?