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Hiring Team
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Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Hiring Team at Redwood Industrial Systems,

I am applying for the VP of Engineering - Cybersecurity role at Redwood Industrial Systems. I have spent 16 years leading **cybersecurity engineering** teams and setting security direction across manufacturing, logistics, and technology organizations. Redwood’s focus on protecting business systems, applications, infrastructure, and data is a close fit with the work I lead today.

In my current role as Vice President of **Cybersecurity Engineering** at Northstar Manufacturing Technologies, I direct a 42-person organization supporting 18 manufacturing sites, cloud platforms, corporate applications, and connected production environments. I built a **zero-trust architecture** program and set **AWS and Azure security** standards across more than 300 production accounts and subscriptions.

The role’s focus on **secure architecture** and **application security** is especially appealing to me. I have introduced threat modeling, secure software development requirements, and security checks in engineering workflows. My teams have combined **identity and access management**, vulnerability management, and incident response into clear operating practices that help leaders act on security risk.

I bring practical experience communicating investment priorities and program outcomes to executives, boards, and audit partners. I have developed technical leaders, managed strategic vendors, and built partnerships with infrastructure, product, legal, and operations teams. I would welcome the opportunity to help Redwood strengthen security maturity and support **resilient operations**.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to discussing how my cybersecurity engineering leadership can support Redwood Industrial Systems.

Sincerely,

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