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Background/Overview: Samson Investment Co. is a privately held exploration and production company based in Oklahoma. The business recently began operating pipelines and was unable to train in-house for operator qualification. The company’s pipeline specialist turned to contractors to assist with the new requirements needed to operate under U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.



Problem/Challenge: The company was faced with a time constraint for a group of operators in Michigan. The group needed to be operator-qualified quickly. Requests for proposals went out to train the group to operate a natural gas pipeline and meet OQ requirements.

Solution: Ayuda submitted a proposal initially, but Samson chose another organization to complete the training. However, when the training was finished, the company was not pleased with what they received. The original company was more expensive, and did not get Samson what they were wanting. They approached Ayuda again and were able to contract and complete training right away.



Outcome: The training was easily coordinated and Ayuda was the most responsive contractor, said Lisa Vasicek, pipeline specialist at Samson. The company worked around the operators’ unique schedules. “It gave us the training we needed to operate the pipeline with confidence,” said Vasicek. “That’s the bottom line. It’s good training and we feel like we can stand by it in an audit.” The company now boasts about the training they received from Ayuda. Employees still discuss remembering the key points they were taught and have brought the company the confidence they need to ensure they can operate the pipelines.