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Work Experience:

Government Accountability Office

Denver, CO, Washington, DC

09/2008 - Present

Senior Defense Analyst

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Responded to requests from congress for information on federal programs.
 - Compiled data, identified areas of potential concern, and proposed actions to senior program staff.
 - Communicated findings and recommends solutions to identified problems to government officials.
 - Prepared reports and delivered presentations on research and evaluation methods using Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.
 - Research Design: supporting the development of appropriate research questions, and the project's scope and methodology. Plan, organize and conduct reviews to include developing the review schedule, coordinate and travel to sites and conduct review of the site.
 - Analyzed programs with the goal of finding and recommending methods for greater efficiency. Solicit feedback from the staff on the level of support and training received to implement programs.
 - Data Analysis: interpreting data, understanding data limitations, and utilizing data to determine patterns, trends, or irregularities in program activities, policies, and procedures. Knowledge of quantitative methods to assess and improve the effectiveness of an organization's nationwide program.
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Institute for Environmental Solutions

Denver, CO

12/2005 - 09/2008

Research Associate

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Developed an effective outreach plan by coordinating with non-profits, local, state and other Federal agencies, and industry on the topics to be covered and the dates and locations for the meetings.
- Served as public/ stakeholder liaison providing advice and technical assistance and performing program administrative work.

- Authored presentations of research for The Tree Project stakeholders including graphs, tables, charts, and Power Point slides.
- Wrote a technical paper from research concerning trees environmental benefits to inform the public and our stakeholders.

Intermodal Transportation Institute

Denver, CO

11/2006 - 06/2007

Graduate Assistant

Education:

University of Denver

Denver, CO

Master's Degree 06/2007

Major: International Development **Minor:** Environment

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN United States

Bachelor's Degree 05/2001

Major: Italian Studies

Lead High School Lead, SD

Graduated 05/1996

Affiliations:

University of Denver Alumni Association – Member, Rocky Mountain JET Program Alumni Association – Member, Institute for Environmental Solutions - Institute Associate
