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**Summary of Qualifications** Knowledge of the 1994 free trade agreements, and the Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures established under the World Trade Organization.

Knowledge of the process used in establishing international food safety standards, including the role of Codex committees and U.S. involvement.

Fluent speaker of the Russian language and knowledgeable about the culture.

**Education:** Masters of Science in Science and Technology Studies.  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. (Falls Church, VA)  
Graduation date: August, 1999.

Master of Public Administration. Ohio State University, (Columbus, OH).  
Graduated in June of 1992.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Public Administration. Ohio University,  
(Athens, OH) Graduated in August of 1990, Cum Laude.

**Experience:** **Program Analyst for the USDA Research & Development Activities**  
(U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Budget & Program Analysis)

June 1993 -  
Present

- Draft briefing papers and talking points used in justifying budget increases for R&D activities aimed at developing value-added agricultural commodities to increase U.S. competitiveness in the global market.
- Attend Congressional hearings and public meetings to understand the impact of newly proposed legislative, regulatory, and budget initiatives on U.S. agricultural productivity and competitiveness in the global market.
- Provide written and oral input for USDA managers on the implications of stricter pesticide requirements proposed by EPA on domestic food production and foreign commodities imported into the U.S.
- Provide analysis on the status of U.S. research targeting genetically modified plant and crop varieties and the implications of the European Union's regulatory standards on U.S. exports of such commodities.
- Draft policy decision memos outlining the available funding alternatives and the most suitable option for supporting the Department's research and technology transfer activities.

**Experience:** **Program Analyst for the USDA Research & Development Activities** (cont.)  
Sept. 1998 - **(Detailed to USDA Office of Risk Assessment & Cost-Benefit Analysis)**  
Dec. 1998

- Formulated a thesis proposal examining the role of the equivalency provision under the SPS agreement in helping countries find alternatives for dairy safety standards that can potentially lead to trade disputes.
- Participated in meetings with USDA policy officials to discuss the role of scientific and cultural factors reflected in the SPS guidelines.
- Worked with ORACBA staff on developing a risk ranking model to assist decision-makers in assessing the severity of foodborne-pathogens such as *E.coli 0157*, *Campylobacter*, *Listeria*, *Salmonella*, etc.
- Drafted a decision memo outlining funding options and staffing resources available to USDA managers in supporting risk assessment functions for completion of a national food safety survey.

October 1992 - **Program Assistant for the Budget Analysis Division:**  
June 1993 **U.S. Department of Agriculture / Office of Budget and Program Analysis**

- Prepared budget materials, including various spreadsheets used by senior staff to track annual Federal budget authority, outlays, and expenditures.
- Attended Congressional hearings to keep abreast of new legislative and budget developments impacting the agricultural sector, and briefed senior level managers of any outstanding issues.
- Tracked spending and savings trends over a set time frame to project future budget expenses for agriculture at Federal, state, and local levels.
- Provided input in drafting decision memos used by USDA managers in briefing policy officials of emerging issues in agriculture.

**Training:** ■ Graduate course-work at George Mason University: Macroeconomics, Operations Research, Statistics, and Science & Technology Policy (Sept. 1994-May 1996)

**References:** Available Upon Request.