

Angela Slovachek, Analyst

Since joining us in February 2015, Angela has become an invaluable member of The Innovation Group team. With a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, an undergraduate degree in economics, prior work experience at a community recovery and planning firm, and 10 years of managerial experience in the restaurant industry, Angela has been exceptionally successful applying her skills and experience to our gaming and hospitality projects.

Based out of our New Orleans office, Angela's primary focus has been in the domestic market, performing market analyses, financial forecasts, economic impact studies, and diversification strategies for both commercial and Native American projects. She also collaborates on some of the company's international projects, providing market research for feasibility studies and white papers. Angela contributes to our Emerging Leaders of Gaming initiative, moderating webinars and writing *40 Under 40* profiles for Global Gaming Business magazine.

She is currently an active member of the American Planning Association (APA) and Louisiana Urban & Regional Information Systems Association (LAURISA), an organization dedicated to the effective and ethical use of spatial information technologies. In 2016, Angela was elected to serve as Young Professional Liaison for the LAURISA Chapter Board, a position that involves planning educational workshops and monthly social networking events.

In addition to her MURP degree from the University of New Orleans, Angela has a B.A. in Economics and International Development, and a Certificate in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. With a lifelong commitment to community service, Angela joined the United States Peace Corps as a volunteer in Benin, West Africa from 2010 - 2012. Angela completed several environmental projects in Benin such as latrine installations, community gardens, and village trash clean-ups, though her greatest accomplishment is developing the first all-girls soccer team in her village, a team that continues to be active to this day.

Angela spends most of her free time planning her next adventure and dreams of hiking the Appalachian Trail or climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Later this fall, she will be traveling to her ancestral lands in the eastern Czech Republic with her sister to learn more about her cultural heritage and to connect with distant relations.

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