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Prior to her current role, Jen was the Operations Coordinator for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) team in the Office of Community Planning & Development at HUD in Washington, DC. She handled logistics and compliance issues, developed NSP policy and guidance documents, and managed several NSP grants.

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