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Ms. Kokaz-Roy has more than 20 years of public, private, government and academic sector GIS and planning experience. Throughout her career she managed technical work including hardware, software, and application development tasks as they relate to GIS and technology.

She started her career as a Planner with the Kansas City Metropolitan Planning Organization, a quasi-government entity for eight counties in Kansas and Missouri prior to joining Urban Engineers as a GIS Analyst. Ms. Kokaz-Roy undertook many complex GIS assignments, and participated on a broad range of projects. She was responsible for creating and improving the Kansas City Metropolitan Area's CMS database using GIS. Throughout her career, Ms. Kokaz-Roy trained co-workers in GIS application, responded to project sponsors' requests by utilizing spreadsheets, GIS and database query tools and developed methods for preserving data. She also planned, coordinated and ran comprehensive public meetings and committee meetings designed to solicit input from area stakeholders utilizing captivating visuals. Ms. Kokaz-Roy was recruited by University Of Pennsylvania in 2002 as their GIS Director where she managed all GIS and technology operations. She spent 7 years at Penn, during her last year she was the Managing Director. She consulted independently on enabling technologies on a wide variety of projects prior to joining Weston. During her time at Penn and as an independent consultant, she was also asked to join the City of Philadelphia and a few private companies as GIS Subject Matter Expert and did some consulting work for United Nations. Currently at Weston Solutions, Inc., she serves as a Technical Manager and the Practice Leader for Data Analysts group.

Organization – Weston Solutions, Inc.

Education – City and Regional Planning BA, Architecture Department, Mimar Sinan University, İstanbul, Turkey; Regional Planning Masters, Cornell University; Engineering Masters, Kansas University; Marketing, Wharton Programs for Working Professionals (WPWP), Wharton Business School, University Of Pennsylvania.

Interests – Enabling all kinds of technologies to run efficiency

Geospatial Achievement – Worked on several pioneering projects utilizing cutting edge technology including GIS and RDBMS

What I like about MAGTUG – Everything ... the fact that it is open, informal, informative, and run by volunteers

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