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The Future is Bright in Puerto Rico!

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In 2004, after 14 years working in the hotel industry, I decided to expand my horizons and go into business for myself. I became an Independent Travel Director after I got a call from a client I had the privilege of working with during my hotel years. She wanted to know if I could assist her with another program they were bringing to Puerto Rico. I said yes and I've been doing it ever since. Even with all of the madness and the sleepless nights, I wouldn't have it any other way... I LOVE IT! I get to do what I enjoy the most; traveling and helping people. I took everything I learned in hotels and applied it to my work. And the best part is that with every program I work I learn something new.

Now, like everywhere else, the worldwide economic crisis we are facing has substantially affected the industry. Understandably, fewer groups are traveling. But I believe that when life hands you lemons...you make lemonade! I joined forces with a colleague of mine and we are reaching out to all of the major hotels and all the major DMC companies in the island. One of them being Dragonfly Adventures, a full service destination management company dedicated to providing top of the line service. We both feel that Puerto Rico is an experience and we both believe in doing everything we can to regain interest in our beautiful island. We are committed to putting Puerto Rico back to its' rightful place on the international destination map!

I just joined INTD in December and because of them I got my first job for the year! In addition to my own networking efforts, I realized that the great advantages and opportunities really started coming my way when I joined INTD. With the help of INTD, I was able to create my company: ITDPR, acquire a partner and approach PRCB, the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau and become a member as well. It's great to know you have great sources like INTD to go to for help and the check lists that INTD provides are truly amazing venues. They are an excellent source of information and assist in helping you stay organized. I have taken full advantage of them. I am happy I joined and am enthusiastic about the future, not only for myself but for my beautiful island, Puerto Rico!