

Economic Innovation Advisor

Job Description

Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado is conducting a coal communities innovation project with the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The purpose of this project is to encourage economic recovery and job creation in six coal-impacted counties in eastern Utah and northwestern Colorado. To support his work, we are seeking a candidate with strong economic analyst skills, innovation expertise, and experience addressing declines in extraction-based economies or major industries.

Objectives and Responsibilities

- Collect, analyze, and model economic data for Emery, Carbon, and San Juan Counties in Utah, as well as Routt, Rio Blanco, and Moffat Counties in Colorado.
- Assist with the development of economic diversification and innovation frameworks for the six counties above.
- Collaborate with project stakeholders to ensure that the economic needs of each county are addressed in the project planning efforts.
- Develop an effective job creation strategy for the counties in the project region.
- Provide strategies for encouraging innovation in the coal industry through coal to products and other value-added uses for coal.
- Develop a plan to encourage other industries, local innovation, and business clustering in the project region.

Skills and Qualifications

- An advanced degree (preferably doctorate level) in economics, business, mathematics, statistics, or a related field.
- Experience with economic planning and or academic research.
- Knowledge of extraction-based economies.
- Experience with STATA or other economic modeling software.
- Quantitative ability with statistics and data analysis.
- Led or participated in research projects that involved the coal industry and economies in the project region.

Preferred Qualifications

- Specialized knowledge of the local economies in the project region.
- Experience with grassroots innovation.
- An understanding of coal economies and the impact of its decline in the rural United States.
- An understanding of domestic supply chain and industry.
- A working relationship with an institution of higher learning that could add value to the project.

Working Environment and Compensation

This is a part time, contractual position. The successful candidate will work remotely in a telecommuting environment and we will negotiate compensation. The contract for this position will run between 6 and 12 months and will be agreed upon for a specified number of hours. Compensation will be billed hourly and will directly support the project. Work hours are flexible with a mix of independent task work and collaboration with other specialists who are working on the project.

To Apply

Send a cover letter and resume to Bonnie Petersen at bonnie@agnc.org and cc Joshua Riley at joshua@groweconomy.org .