

Rural Development Manager Alabama Department of Commerce

Synopsis

The Alabama Department of Commerce is seeking a Rural Development Manager to join the project management team in the Business Development Division. This position will provide technical assistance to rural communities under consideration for economic development projects, as well as provide ongoing assistance and training for rural communities seeking to make their communities more competitive for economic development projects.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assists and coordinates with the Business Development team on economic development projects considering rural locations.
- Assists and coordinates with the Business Development team on existing business expansion projects in rural locations.
- Develops close working relationships with local economic development teams, including key elected officials in rural communities.
- Conducts existing industry visits with key existing industries located in rural communities, coordinating these visits with the local economic development team and/or elected officials.
- Conducts research on best practices affecting rural development and prepares and conducts training for local economic developers and/or elected officials.
- Develops a resource guide explaining the programs available to assist rural communities in economic development efforts and the process to access those programs.
- Educates rural economic developers and elected officials on best practices and how to access state and other resources available to assist their industrial development efforts by conducting or coordinating the necessary training.
- Represents Commerce at speaking engagements in rural communities that can motivate, educate, and assist in their rural development efforts.
- Performs related work as assigned

Minimum Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in economic development, geography, business administration, marketing, engineering, or a related field.
- 3-5 years of responsible economic development experience to include 2-4 years managing new or existing industrial/business client projects and providing overall guidance in locating or expanding industry.
- Placement on the appropriate register with the State of Alabama Personnel Department.

Salary and Benefits

Salary will be based upon experience and ranges from \$44,640 - \$93,446.40. Employees are offered a competitive benefits package which includes health and dental insurance, paid annual and sick leave, paid holidays, and a retirement program.

Resumes may be accepted via US Postal Mail, Electronic Mail, and /or Faxed to:

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