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Job Posting: Economist/Senior Economist

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EDC's Center for Regional Analysis is seeking an Economist to help drive the creation of a new applied economic research center in South Central Pennsylvania. This position will play a critical role in shaping the Center's research and analysis, including developing systems to maintain and analyze business, demographic and economic information for economic development purposes, establishing early research and analysis outcomes that will build the Center's credibility and profile in the community, and implementing foundational policies and procedures to guide long-term data collection, analysis and public reports.

The Economist will be expected to apply his/her expertise in economic analysis to identify important economic issues and trends early in the Center's operations and to establish quickly the value of high quality economic data and rigorous analysis. This position offers a unique entrepreneurial opportunity for an experienced economic researcher.

Key Attributes:

- Exceptional analytical and quantitative skills, including deep knowledge of primary research and the ability to manage big data;
- Intellectual curiosity and the ability to think critically
- Excellent verbal, written, presentation, and organizational skills
- Team orientation
- Entrepreneurial drive

Roles:

- Identify and analyze economic and demographic trends, opportunities or challenges within the region.
- Establish, develop and maintain monthly, quarterly and annual indicators and identify peer communities to measure and benchmark the economic health of the region.
- Perform detailed research and economic analyses on a variety of applied problems.
- Prepare and present written analyses, reports and presentations to a wide variety of stakeholders, including business and government leaders and academia.
- Establish a strong network of peers regionally and nationally to ensure the Center is following best and current practices in applied economic research.
- Develop appropriate economic methodologies and tools.
- Maintain and update data series from a variety of government and private sources.
- Build and manage a small staff team to include additional research support, business intelligence analysts, and resources from area higher educational institutions.

Required Qualifications:

- Master's degree in economics or a related field preferred plus a minimum of 5+ years of direct experience in either an academic or private sector setting.
- Independence, initiative, leadership, communications, and persistence.
- Thoroughly trained in the theories, principles, and methods of demographics and economics and have demonstrated experience in statistical models, database design and project management.
- Able to perform an array of quantitative analyses, including regional economic impact analysis, cost-benefit analysis and economic modeling.
- Ability to communicate effectively with clients, make presentations, and to be able to manage complex projects requiring ingenuity and creativity.
- Demonstrated ability to compile, analyze, and report data to explain and forecast various research topics, applying mathematical models and statistical techniques.
- Ability to identify relationships and trends in data, as well as any factors that could affect the results of research.
- Effective use of technology; ability to develop and test designs, sampling techniques, and analytical methods; as well as prepare data for processing by organizing information, checking for any inaccuracies, and adjusting and weighting the raw data.

To Apply: EDC of Lancaster County has engaged TriStarr to assist in its search. Please submit your application (resume and letter of interest) to scott@tristarrjobs.com. **Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2017.**

About EDC's Center for Regional Analysis: This entity is housed within the Economic Development Company of Lancaster County, an organization founded in 1960 by business leaders focused on the economic health of the community. In late 2016, the Foundation of EDC secured \$1 million grants from each of two local philanthropic organizations, The Steinman Foundations and the BB&T Economic Growth Fund of the Lancaster County Community Foundation, to establish this new applied economic research center. For more information about EDC and the Center for Regional Analysis, visit <http://edclancaster.com/>

About Lancaster County and South Central Pennsylvania: Located less than 90 minutes from Philadelphia and Baltimore and under 3 hours from New York City by train, this region is known for its strength in agriculture and manufacturing and its strong hospitality and tourism. With a combined population of over 2 million, the region is host to a range of major corporations, diverse higher education institutions, and niche high-tech industries. Lancaster County's current population is close to 550,000. While internationally known for its Amish population, Lancaster more recently has been spotlighted for the strength of its core, the City of Lancaster, its diverse arts and culture, and its array of sports and recreation options. For more information about Lancaster County, visit http://edclancaster.com/a-great-place-to-live/?c=about_lancaster.