

South Central Economic Development District, Inc. seeks BUSINESS CONSULTANT

The South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) seeks an individual passionate about helping businesses recover and build resilience to serve our 13 county region of south central Nebraska. SCEDD, one of 8 development districts in Nebraska, is seeking an individual willing to work with service, retail, and manufacturing businesses. *This position is grant funded with EDA CARES ACT, funding is available through June 2022.*

Responsibilities:

- Daily work with businesses as well as Chamber, Community, & Economic Development professionals;
- Recruit and convene meetings to create working connections and partnerships;
- Determine training needs, plan and execute trainings to meet needs;
- Research & Identify resources within Nebraska and other states;
- Commitment to help businesses with recovery and resilience strategies, connections, and tools;
- Other duties as assigned based on experience, interest and/or at direction of Executive Director.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Knowledge of business practices and resources;
- Detail oriented – must be able to manage multiple tasks (juggle many projects at one time);
- Proficient in current technology, specifically online business platforms;
- Strong written and oral communication skills, organizational skills, problem solving skills;
- Innate ability to think and work independently;
- Valid Nebraska driver's license – travel is required at times (day and evening hours).

Education/Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in business administration;
- 3-5 Years of progressively responsible professional level experience;
- Additional years of professional level experience may be substituted for formal education.

To apply, please submit:

- Professional Letter of Application (Cover Letter) & Resume' of work experience and education
- A short statement of understanding about the mission of SCEDD;
- List of three professional references and one character reference.

The SCEDD office is located in Holdrege; this position requires extensive travel within the SCEDD Region. Out-of-state travel may also occur from time to time.

Documents can be mailed to SCEDD, PO Box 79, Holdrege, NE 68949 or emailed to sharonh@scedd.us. Review of completed applications will begin **August 12, 2020**. The position will remain open until filled.

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Due to uncertainty caused by COVID19, technical assistance and capacity building will be utilized to assist:

- manufacturers and businesses impacted by supply chain interruption due to Coronavirus. At the conclusion of activities, those entities will have a better understanding of resources available to them at the regional, state and national levels; thereby reducing dependence on international suppliers. Potential resources include the Manufacturers' Edge (Colorado), the K-State Technology Development Institute (Kansas) as well as other regional and national manufacturing extension partnerships. Potential facilitation and convening of the Central Nebraska Manufacturing Partnership may also play a pivotal role in the success of regional and national supply chains.
- “main street” businesses impacted by forced closure due to Coronavirus. Through the provision of technical assistance and guidance, participating businesses will have an understanding of the use of tools, platforms, etc., that are available to enhance or develop their digital front door. Many saw their businesses stay afloat during the Coronavirus pandemic only because they adapted to a more digital presence. The utilization of EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance funds, will allow SCEDD to provide more training, deliver more assistance, etc., to these businesses. The solicitation of regional economic development organizations to help assist in the delivery of technical assistance will ensure that the businesses receive the training they need.

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