

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNER I

GRADE: 14

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs (entry-level) economics work. Work involves conducting economic studies and analyses and collecting economic information. Assist in obtaining planning, data, and policy analysis and community organizing around issues of Regional Economic Development that will guide the formulation of a Countywide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assists in collecting and maintaining information on current and projected changes in economic activity

Prepares economic and demographic statistics for analysis

Makes statistical computations on economic and demographic indicators for specified economic areas

Conducts studies, deduces facts to findings, makes recommendations, and prepares reports

Conducts economic impact analyses, applying mathematical models and statistical techniques

Assists with the planning, organizing, and coordinating of economic programs and activities

May develop and conduct presentations

Collects, organizes, and analyzes data required in the development of plans or programs

Participates in technical, policy, and interagency planning meetings

Reviews and evaluates planning material for contractual compliance

Assists in developing procedures for implementing plans or programs and for measuring progress

Assists with preparing and monitoring performance measures

Prepares reports

Researches federal and state regulations

Consults and communicates with other departments, agencies, and civic groups

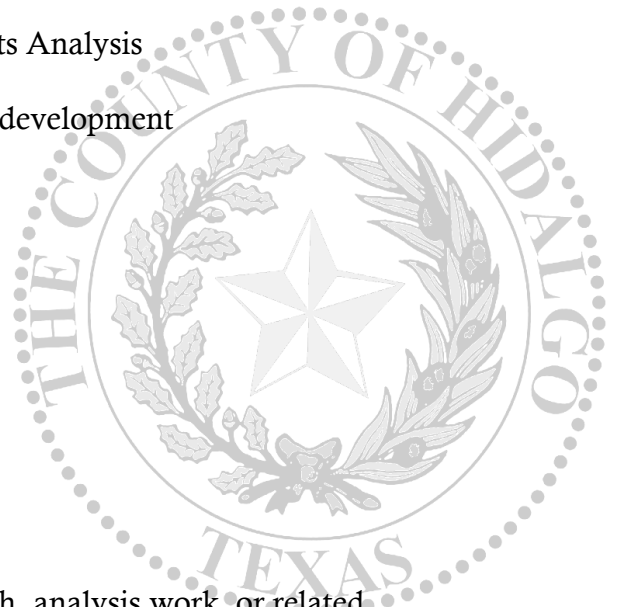
Conduct Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats Analysis

Develop and maintain a comprehensive list of economic development organizations/associations

Develop and conduct community and business surveys

May train others

Performs related work as assigned



GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Three (3) years experience in planning, economic research, analysis work, or related experience. Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with a Bachelor's in Business or Public Administration, Economics, or related field. Master's Degree in Business Administration or Public Administration preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of economic principles, techniques, and procedures

Knowledge of government organization and administration; and of principles, objectives, and procedures of governmental planning and programming

Skill in performing statistical computations

Ability to prepare and analyze statistics and other economics data, to prepare reports, and to train others

Demonstrated policy, planning and analysis experience

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations

