



Surry County Economic Development Partnership Searching for Next President



The Opportunity

The Surry County Economic Development Partnership is searching for a motivated and experienced economic development professional to lead the county's economic development program. The President leads staff and the board and builds coalitions with public and private sector allies to retain and grow existing businesses, attract new business, attract talent, and support startups.

The Place

Surry County is located in northwest North Carolina and the Piedmont Triad Region. The county has thriving small towns, excellent public schools, Surry Community College, two independent hospitals, and outdoor recreation amenities. Surry County is a gateway community to the Blue Ridge Mountains and leverages the outdoor economy.

The Qualifications

Candidates should have experience in economic development and be familiar with economic development strategies for rural communities. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree in business, economics, public administration or related field. At least five years of leadership experience in economic development, business, chamber of commerce, local government, or a related field is required. Master's degree and professional certifications (e.g., CECD, NCCED) are preferred. Candidates should be proficient in technology and analytical tools used in small nonprofits and businesses. Candidates must have a valid driver's license and be able to travel.

The Role

The President is responsible for executing an economic development strategic plan, measuring results, and effectively communicating progress to the Board of Directors. The strategic plan includes business retention and expansion, business attraction, product development, marketing, and talent attraction and development. A key role is collaborating with Surry County, Dobson, Elkin, Mount Airy, Pilot Mountain, Surry Community College, K-12 schools, chambers of commerce, and tourism development agencies.

Salary Range: \$100,000 - \$125,000 plus benefits.

The Organization

SCEDP is a 501(c)6 and has a 501(c)3 Foundation. Funding comes from the public and private sectors. The budget is approximately \$350,000. The organization has a staff of three.



Apply

Submit resume and cover letter by December 31, 2022, 5:00PM to Crystal Morphis, Creative Economic Development Consulting, cmorphis@creativeedc.com.

For more information about Surry County Economic Development Partnership visit www.surriedp.com.