

Clackamas County Business and Economic Development Division

Community Profile:

Population 5,177

Location Clackamas

Position Description:

Sponsor Clackamas County Business and Economic Development Division

Supervisor Shelly Parini

Assignment

The RARE participant will work to coordinate regional economic development plans, specifically focusing on the towns of Sandy and Estacada. Both towns have identified strategies to reenergize their local communities and the participant will help them work together to attract activities associated with the growing markets in eco-tourism and industrial manufacturing. The RARE participant will play a role in local business outreach, with tasks that include the coordination of marketing through the local tourism council. The participant will also conduct research and develop a socio-economic profile database of tourists that travel and visit the mountain region. The RARE participant will address industrial development potential by developing a target industry cluster list, identifying regional cottage industries by industry type, and identifying support needs for existing cottage industries. The position will also include providing assistance in identifying natural economic resources and developing an industrial lands database. involved in a small business incubator project.

Required Skills

The RARE participant needs to have an energetic, inquisitive personality and strong communication skills. A background in meeting and event planning, marketing, customer service, economic development/natural resource, grant writing, communications, small business development, and website maintenance would also be helpful.

RARE Member: *Shawn Burgett - 2004-2005, Year 11 Participant*

Shawn Burgett grew up in Portland, Oregon. He received his Master in City and Regional Planning from Cal-Poly-San Luis Obispo in 2004. Shawn has a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Oregon. Shawn interned at San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building where he worked on coastal planning and land use reviews. He also interned with the City of Portland Bureau of Planning in the Neighborhood Planning division.