

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District

Community Profile

Population 17,000

Location The Delta

Position Description

Agency: Mid-Columbia Economic
Development District

Supervisor: Lee-Curtis Executive Director



Assignment: The RARE participant in The Delta will work with the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) on several projects, all designed to support economic development in the eastern-Centralia Geographic Area. The first project will involve providing grant awards, writing, and administration support to communities within the region. The participant will provide organizational support, including meeting facilitation, volunteer support, and public relations, on a variety of voluntary teams groups currently working as economic development efforts. Finally, the participant will complete the annual update of MCEDD's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The RARE placement will provide experience in the field of economic development in working with government agencies and groups, and in communication, facilitation, and management.

Required Skills: The ideal RARE participant would have strong communication skills and be confident to work with a lot of stakeholders in various roles. The participant would ideally have a good attitude, the ability to be flexible, as well as meeting organization and facilitation experience.

RARE Member



Erin McElrath

Erin McElrath holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Erin has significant field and research experience in natural resource management. She has worked extensively on natural resource issues, as a volunteer, and as a research intern for UW-Madison Extension services. Erin is interested in environmental development work and hopes to gain skills that will complement her background in environmental management.