Community Profile

Population 75,000

Location The Dalles

Position Description

Sponsor Mid-Columbia Economic Development District

Supervisor Lee Curtis, Executive Director

Assignment The RARE participant in The Dalles will work with the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) on several projects, all designed to support economic development in the five county Columbia Gorge region. The first project will involve providing grant research, writing, and administrative support to communities within the region. The participant will provide organizational support, including meeting facilitation, volunteer support, and website creation, to a variety of industry cluster groups currently working on economic development efforts. Finally, the participant will complete the annual update of MCEDD’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. This RARE placement will provide experience in the field of economic development, in working with government agencies and processes, and in communication, facilitation, and management.

Required Skills The ideal RARE participant would have strong communication skills and the confidence to work with a lot of varied personalities at one time. The participant would ideally have a good attitude, the ability to be flexible, as well as meeting organization and facilitation experience.

RARE Member

Katie MacKendrick is a native of Wisconsin and received her BS in Natural Resources from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Katie has significant field and research experience in natural resource management. She has worked monitoring endangered species habitat, as a naturalist, and as a research assistant for UW-Madison Extension services. Katie is interested in the economic development field and hopes to gain skills that will compliment her background in natural resource management.