



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) - FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Urban Planning/Economic Development Fellow Position Description

The McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, is seeking a qualified individual for its Urban Planning/Economic Development Fellow position. The MILRA was established to implement a reuse plan for the former Fort McPherson Army base, a 475-acre military facility in SW Atlanta closed in September, 2011.

The MILRA Fellowship program represents a tremendous opportunity to positively impact the way the former Ft McPherson Army base will be transformed into a viable sustainable community in SW Atlanta.

The MILRA Urban Planning/Economic Development Fellow will provide technical, administrative, clerical, and general support to MILRA staff. In this capacity, the Fellow will work very closely with MILRA Staff and will receive direction to ensure objectives are achieved and deadlines are met. This role involves frequent interaction with various levels of internal and external MILRA stakeholders. Current stakeholders include businesses in the MILRA Planning Area, State and Federal data sources, City of Atlanta leadership, Invest Atlanta, MARTA and the commercial and industrial real estate community.

Our Fellowship Program will provide temporary, part-time invaluable work experience. This position offers practical work experience to first or second year graduate students focusing on several disciplines including, but not limited to: Marketing, Economic Development, Research, Real Estate, Urban Planning, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

We are seeking candidates that can work a minimum of 20 hours per week. Work schedules will be set upon hiring and are flexible to accommodate class schedules. Candidates must be able to attend MILRA evening meetings conducted once per month.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide technical, clerical and other project-related administrative support for MILRA staff.
- Develop and maintain spreadsheets and databases for ongoing tracking of economic development goals and data points, specifically related to employment, private investment and available workforce.
- Record, capture and/or transcribe meeting minutes or notes, as requested.
- Develop and maintain documents, including maps, records of correspondence and related materials.
- Research relevant topics including best-practices from cities throughout the country and statistics related key performance indicators.
- Draft white papers and other media supporting project efforts. Obtain information online or directly from external vendors, as requested.
- Interact effectively with all staff levels.
- Complete other tasks and duties, as assigned.
- Staff and assist with periodic meetings and events.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate is a quick learner who demonstrates communications and technical skills and possesses the following skills:

- Demonstrated passion and skill for data collecting and analysis.
- Ability to utilize GIS tools.
- General ability to develop presentations and incorporate graphic design.
- Organization and time-management skills.
- Ability to multi-task and handle a fast-paced, dynamic, environment.
- Ability to interact with stakeholders and constituents in a professional manner.
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision.
- Excellent research, writing, communications and analytical skills.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Outlook, Excel, Word and Power Point are required.
- Ability to plan work and meet deadlines.

Marketing research, Economic Development, or GIS experience are highly desired.

BENEFITS

- Exposure to one of the city's most significant economic development projects.
- Opportunity to research and develop robust communications materials addressing complex issues facing urban environments around the country.
- College credit, if appropriate.
- Exposure to the area's development community.
- Letters of recommendation provided upon successful completion of the fellowship.
- Opportunity to interact with civic and community leaders.

We are accepting candidates for our Summer Fellows Program (May to August 2015).

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by **5 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015** to info@mcphersonredevelopment.com

Please see our website at: mcphersonredevelopment.com for additional information.

The McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) is an Equal Opportunity Employer.