



EDA Recompete – Future Tech Transfer (FTT) – Project Manager

Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) is hiring a full-time position to oversee activities related to its Future Tech Transfer (FTT) component project under its Phase II application to the EDA Recompete Pilot Program. This is a grant-funded position serving 12 SOAR counties: Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Perry, and Pike.

This position will report to the Recompete Plan Manager.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Technology Assessment and Identification.
 - Conduct thorough assessments of technological needs and challenges specific to the region.
 - Identify relevant technologies and innovations with the potential to address regional needs, specifically for the SEA and the main barriers to employment in the region.
2. Outreach and Sourcing.
 - Building connections, both internal and external, with research institutions and associations, as well as other sources of tech and innovation found among vendors and communities with social enterprises.
 - Identify best practice social enterprises and high growth business technologies and connect these to SEA participants and local businesses in the region.
3. Partnership Development.
 - Establish partnerships with technology providers, research institutions, government agencies, vendors, associations and community organizations to facilitate technology transfer in the region.
 - Collaborate with stakeholders to tailor technology solutions to the unique requirements and constraints of the region.
4. Technical Assistance and Support.
 - Provide technical assistance and support to SEA participants and high growth businesses, in implementing technology solutions.
 - Offer guidance on the selection, procurement, and implementation of appropriate technologies.
5. Policy Advocacy.
 - Advocate for policies and initiatives that support the adoption and diffusion of technology in the region.
 - Engage with policymakers at local, regional, and national levels to promote favorable regulatory environments and investment incentives for rural technology transfer.
6. Stay informed about emerging trends and best practices in rural technology transfer, continuously updating knowledge base and sharing insights with relevant stakeholders.

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- Conduct research and development of relevant informational materials.

Expectations

- This position will include heavy amounts of travel to places both inside and outside the state. (50%).
- Strong interest in increasing prosperity in Eastern Kentucky communities.
- History of identifying and supporting marginalized populations inside underserved communities.
- Bachelor's degree in a field related to technology management. Master's degree preferred.
- Preferred experience in technology transfer, rural development, or a related field.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to effectively engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholders.
- Strong project management skills, including the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate technology transfer initiatives.
- Working knowledge of relevant technologies and regulatory frameworks and policy relevant to technology adoption preferred.
- Skilled in data collection, analysis and reporting.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook).
- Good attention to detail and a positive attitude

Culture and Core Values

SOAR's mission is simple: grow Eastern Kentucky's population.

Our team culture is anchored by putting the interests of Eastern Kentucky first in all that we do. We believe treating others the way we want to be treated is always within our control. Our core values include faith, selflessness, grit, integrity, and empathy. We do our best to exemplify these daily in our interactions with each other and with external partners.

Why SOAR?

The SOAR organization offers a chance to be part of a movement that's bigger than any one of us individually. Tackling the challenges facing Eastern Kentucky is going to take all of us to come together to find the solutions. Through communications, collaborations, and convenings, SOAR is helping to get the right people in the right rooms to ensure the future of Eastern Kentucky burns as bright as ever.

SOAR offers a competitive salary along with the following benefits:

- 100% paid individual health insurance
- SIMPLE IRA retirement plan
- Cell phone stipend
- Mileage reimbursement for work-related travel
- Laptop provided

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- Annual bonus

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