



**The Alliance for Appalachia
Job Announcement:
Economic Transition Coordinator**

Applications accepted on a rolling deadline, Priority to those received by October 1st

Title:

Economic Transition Coordinator

Duration:

The position is permanent, full-time employment (40 hours per week)

Reports to:

The Economic Transition Coordinator reports to the Economic Transition Team of The Alliance for Appalachia, with direct oversight by the Coordinating Committee.

Background:

The Alliance for Appalachia is a regional grassroots coalition with the goals of ending mountaintop removal coal mining, putting a halt to destructive coal technologies and supporting a just and sustainable transition in Appalachia. The Alliance for Appalachia began in 2006 and consists of 15 organizations across four states, as well as regional organizations and allied groups.

The Alliance for Appalachia is governed by a Steering Committee made up of one representative and an alternate from each of the member organizations. We have Coordinating Committee and Work Teams on federal strategy, and economic transition, as well as other ad-hoc teams working on special projects.

Scope:

The Economic Transition Coordinator will be responsible for the facilitation of participant led groups focusing on federal programs that support a sustainable economic transition in Appalachia. This position will also be required to conduct thorough research and analysis of federal policies, share information, organize meetings and events, and serve as an educator.

Activities:

- Facilitating Appalachian participation in POWER+ Plan advocacy
 - role of this group focusing on federal and supporting state based strategy
- Facilitating Appalachian participation in national Abandoned Mine Land (AML) reauthorization campaign
- Conducting and sharing/distributing findings of research on Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield redevelopment opportunities
- Organizing and facilitating Alliance/stakeholder events and meetings, including:
 - Alliance for Appalachia and Economic Transition Team meetings
 - Engaging with federal, state and local leaders and government bodies

- Stakeholder meetings with ARC, EPA, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), US Department of Labor (DOL), state AML offices, and other appropriate state and federal agencies
- Serving as an educational resource for Alliance partners and other stakeholders
 - strategy within focus areas
 - educational outreach as base building

* Heavier seasonal workloads may occur as a result of project deadlines and during peak activity periods, such as large regional events and training weekends. Weekend and/or evening work is sometimes required. Must have the ability to travel around the Appalachian region, and to other national gatherings

Skills/Qualifications:

- Have an understanding of the Appalachian region and communities impacted by lack of economic diversification issues
- Dedicated to a sustainable and just transition in Appalachia
- Experience working with multiple stakeholders in a fast-moving and collaborative environment
- Organizing and facilitation of large group events (e.g. lobby days, stakeholder meetings, etc)
- Ability to support working in a team environment
- Experience in research methodology
- Exceptional analytic and writing skills
- Ability to break down and communicate complicated public policy
- Reliable and self-starter
- Flexibility to travel frequently

Compensation:

Compensation is commensurate with experience. A pro-rated benefits package, meaning that a half-time employee will receive half of a standard benefits package, is available. We provide annual cost of living adjustments and annual salary bumps to credit experience. Staff will earn vacation days, holidays, sick days and personal days. We also have a compensation time policy.

Location:

We strongly prefer that the Coordinator be located in the Central or Southern Appalachian area, specifically near the coalfield areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, a writing sample and three references with emphasis on research and organizing/facilitation-related experience to A4Ahiring@gmail.com with Economic Transition Coordinator in the subject line before October 1st.

For a description of The Alliance for Appalachia member groups go to: TheAllianceForAppalachia.org. *The Alliance for Appalachia is an equal opportunity employer. Women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.*