Job Opportunity - CERC Seeks Economic Researcher

The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC) is a nonprofit corporation that provides objective research, marketing and economic development services consistent with its mission of making Connecticut a more competitive business environment.

The CERC Research Department is looking for a researcher to conduct many of the following types of analyses:

- Statistical model design to determine correlations and other relationships among data
- Database maintenance and upgrades based on variable revisions with programming updates as needed
- Economic and fiscal impact analyses and feasibility studies of economic development programs or projects
- Demographic, economic and fiscal trend analyses, key findings and implications
- Benchmarking and best practice studies of regional or local economic performance compared to similar programs, organizations or geographies
- Surveys to gauge perceptions of business climate or awareness of issues
- Data development and presentation to support business cases

The required skills include:

- Plans, designs, and conducts research to interpret economic relationships
- Devises methods and procedures for collecting and analyzing data, utilizing knowledge of available sources of data and various econometric and sampling techniques
- Compiles demographic, economic and fiscal data relating to various research projects
- Reviews and analyzes economic data to prepare reports detailing results of analyses, and to stay current with economic changes
- Organizes data into report formats and arranges for preparation of graphic illustrations of research findings
- Formulates key findings, implications and recommendations and presents the information to stakeholders
- Works with a high deal of computational accuracy
- Has team building and interpersonal skills to maintain effective working relationships
- Possesses strong oral and written communication skills

Education and Qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree in economics, business management, computer science or a related field with a good training in statistics and econometrics; a graduate degree is an added advantage
- A thorough understanding of Excel, Word and PowerPoint
- Experience with Access, regression model software and economic impact models is a plus

Position and compensation will be offered at an analyst or economist level, as a full-time or contractor position, depending on education, experience and applicant preference. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume by August 31, 2012 to Gretchen Deans, Director of Administration (gdeans@cerc.com).