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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>Position:</b>	Instructor, Extension Community Economist (Western Oregon)	<b>Closing Date:</b>	For full consideration, apply by March 7, 2008.
<b>Location:</b>	Corvallis, Oregon or other Willamette Valley community	<b>Position Available:</b>	April 1 or September 1, 2008
<b>Appointment:</b>	0.75 FTE, 12-month, fixed-term	<b>Posting #:</b>	0002153

### POSITION:

This position is in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Oregon State University. The community economist will create an outreach/education and applied research program in urban and rural community economics, focusing on issues of importance to Western Oregon. The faculty member will provide systematic analyses of rural communities, urban neighborhoods and the economic interdependence of urban and rural areas, and explore the implications for both urban and rural areas of policy changes and major economic shifts. S/he will also provide sustained economic development outreach to a variety of state and local governments, agencies, and organizations in both rural and urban communities in Western Oregon. These efforts will typically involve local Extension faculty and are designed to develop capacity within Extension Service faculty to understand the structure of their local economies and the potential for economic development; as well as to assess the local economic impacts of specific activities or regulations. This position requires significant travel around Oregon.

The Community Economist (Western Oregon) will work with the Director of the Rural Studies Program and OSU faculty connected to the Portland State University Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies to develop an applied research/outreach program that both supports the rural studies program and advances the emerging university collaborations in the Portland Metro area.

The Extension Community Economist (Western Oregon) is one of two community economist positions being created as part of the OSU Sustainable Rural Communities Initiative. The positions are supported by recurring funds. The two community economists will be key members of the multidisciplinary team of new research and Extension faculty (rural economist, rural sociologist, resource geographer, Extension community demographer, Extension community analyst) focused on helping rural communities remain viable and enhance their well-being. One of the two positions will start in April 2008 and the other position will start in September 2008.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 90% The person hired will develop, deliver and evaluate an Extension program in urban and regional economics and policy and conduct applied research to support the Extension work. The person who holds this position will be responsible for developing educational programs and materials on these topics in consultation with the Director of the Rural Studies Program and stakeholders in rural and Metro Oregon. The person hired will focus attention on economic issues of major concern in Western Oregon. Examples are: (1) the identification and cultivation of urban and rural sectors with potential for economic expansion; (2) the economic consequences of public expenditures associated with economic growth and change; and (3) the effectiveness and feasibility of strengthening community infrastructure and amenities; (4) the economic effects in rural communities and urban neighborhoods of changes in important economic sectors, and (5) the economic links between urban and rural communities and the spillover effects of urban change on rural areas or rural change on the urban center.
- 10% The person hired will provide service to the Department, College, University, and peer professional organizations. S/he will also be available to assist Extension faculty, particularly at the community level, in the development and implementation of consensus building processes, which lead to community visions and economic development plans.

### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:**

1. Masters in agricultural economics or in a related field of study with demonstrated interest/experience in business and political systems.
2. Competence in regional economics and understanding of regional economic tools.
3. Strong scientific writing and technical presentation skills.
4. Demonstrated intellectual curiosity, creativity, and ability to write and work collaboratively.
5. A current driver's license is required.

### **UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY:**

OSU is one of only two American universities to hold the Land Grant, Sea Grant, Sun Grant, and Space Grant designation and is the only Oregon institution recognized for its "very high research activity" (RU/VH) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. OSU is comprised of 11 academic colleges with strengths in natural resources, earth dynamics and sustainability, life sciences, entrepreneurship and the arts and sciences. OSU has facilities and/or programs in every county in the State, including 12 regional Experiment Stations, 41 county Extension offices, a branch campus in Bend, a major marine science center in Newport, and a range of programs and facilities in Portland. OSU is Oregon's largest public research university, conducting more than 60 percent of the research funded throughout the State's university system.

OSU is located in Corvallis, a community of 53,000 people situated in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Eugene. Ocean beaches, lakes, rivers, forests, high desert, the rugged Cascade and Coast Ranges, and the urban amenities of the Portland metropolitan area are all within a 100-mile drive of Corvallis. Approximately 15,700 undergraduate and 3,400 graduate students are enrolled at OSU, including 2,600 U.S. students of color and 950 international students.

The University has an institution-wide commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and community. We actively engage in recruiting and retaining a diverse work force and student body that include members of historically underrepresented groups. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming and supportive campus environment. OSU provides outstanding leadership opportunities for people interested in promoting and enhancing diversity, nurturing creativity, and building community.

### **APPLICATION:**

To apply, applicants are invited to go to <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/>, create a user profile and apply for posting number 0002153. Applicants will be required to attach the following electronic documents: (1) A cover letter describing how your experience, qualifications, and interests have prepared you for this position. (2) A current resume/vita. (3) College transcript copies of all college and university work, evidence of teaching ability. (4) Three letters of professional references are also required. **Please indicate if you want to be considered as a candidate for position #0002155 as well.**

Please attach the cover letter and vita/resume to your online application, and **mail or email the transcripts and letters of reference** to:

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