

## Senior Research Associate – Research/Technical Assistance Lead for Expanding Access to Labor Market Information

**Duration:** Permanent  
**Work Location:** Arlington, VA (Rosslyn metro) | Temporary/partial remote due to COVID  
**Posting Expiration Date:** Until Filled – Application review begins November 15

**Organization Overview:** The Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness (CREC) is an independent, 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Arlington, Virginia, founded to provide policymakers with the information needed to formulate and execute innovative, regional, job-creating economic development strategies. CREC provides research, technical assistance, and training to federal, state, and local policymakers as well as to national networks of professionals in related fields.

For the past 20 years, CREC has connected, trained, and supported thousands of professionals producing and utilizing data for decision making and has promoted innovations in the data available to guide economic development and talent development to foster regional competitiveness. Over the next five years, CREC will partner with the Labor Market Information Institute to expand programming to ensure that partner organizations strategically address gaps that limit future-oriented, evidence-based policy and program development at the state and local level.

**Position Summary:** The Research and Technical Assistance Leader will provide subject matter expertise, research, and technical assistance related to data, data access, and data quality to build two programs: **Increasing Labor Market Data Use for Practitioners** and **Future of Work** programs. They will identify leading practices in data applied to understanding industrial change, skill demand, and/or career pathways; support networking across and strategic partnerships between data users and producers, researchers and practitioners; and help partner organizations advance related training content and new data products.

**Capabilities:** CREC is searching for a leader with a passion for improving systems and delivering results for communities with high poverty rates, communities in economic transition, and communities of color, especially through economic and workforce development. The ideal Leader would be able to demonstrate expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- knowledge of labor market information producers, users, data quality and access issues with an understanding of how to protect and share

confidential data;

- ability to forge partnerships between data users and data producers, researchers and practitioners;
- ability to navigate the technical and social dynamics of state and local development agencies and organizations;
- ability to conduct research on industrial and occupational change;
- experience using data to evaluate and improve training and job matching programs serving Black and Latinx youth.

**Preferred Skills & Experience:**

- Related work experience (7-10 years) with demonstrated capabilities and project management experience
- Experience conducting quantitative and qualitative socioeconomic research
- Master's or other advanced degree in a related field is preferred
- Must have permission to work in the U.S.

**Our Benefits:** For full-time regular employees, CREC provides medical, dental, and vision insurance and a Health Savings Account, paid Federal Holidays, Paid Time Off Leave accrual, contributions to a company 401k Retirement Savings Plan, plus special leave for the end-of-year holiday season.

**Application Requirements:** Interested in joining us? Send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to [jallison@crec.net](mailto:jallison@crec.net)