



## **The Internship Program at Northern Economics Inc.**

### **Who Are We?**

Northern Economics, Inc. (NEI) is the largest professional economics consulting firm in Alaska. We currently have 12 technical staff and 3 administrative staff members. Our technical staff includes economists, a sociologist, and three staff members with M.B.A. degrees. Our offices are located in Anchorage, AK and Bellingham, WA.

### **Our Mission Statement**

*The mission of Northern Economics, Inc., is to provide its clients with economic analysis of the highest quality so that society will benefit from informed decisions. We will provide this service in a manner that reflects our commitment to excellence and our reputation for integrity.*

### **How Does NEI's Internship Program Work?**

NEI's internship program started in early 2004 and we've employed more than a dozen interns during the program's six-year span. We hire between one and three interns each semester (including the summer) depending on business conditions. The fall and spring semesters are open to any college student living/working in the Anchorage area. However, we have traditionally conducted active recruiting strictly from the UAA Economics Department. Summer semesters are open to any college student and to interns who have previously interned with NEI. We recruit for the summer and fall semesters in April/May and we recruit for the spring semester in November/December. We occasionally recruit more than one semester in advance when we find more exceptional candidates than we can reasonably employ in the coming semester.

Interns are not eligible for more than one fall or spring semester of employment with NEI. Additionally, NEI internships for BS/BA candidates do not lead to permanent job offers from NEI. All NEI technical staff must possess an advanced degree.

### **What do we look for in an intern?**

The ideal candidate has strong quantitative and research skills, a mature and professional demeanor, and a desire to learn. Our most successful interns have also exhibited a combination of initiative, exceptional communication skills, and a strong work ethic.

### **Projects with Major Contributions by Interns**

Project	Client
ANGDA Business Plan	Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA)
Float Plane Base Feasibility Study	Alaska Department of Transportation
Effects of Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Hillside District Plan	Municipality of Anchorage
Eagle River/Chugiak Detachment	Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Halibut EA/RIR/IRFAs	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
City of Palmer Annexation	City of Palmer
Fiscal Interest Finding	Alaska Department of Revenue

### **Terms and Conditions**

NEI interns work a minimum of 20 hours per week. Each intern's actual schedule is negotiated prior to the first day of work. The position currently pays \$14 per hour. Interns often seek UAA credit for their time with NEI. NEI will participate in the meetings necessary for the student to receive credit, but the student is responsible for meeting UAA's program requirements.

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