

**Position Title:** Project Intern – MI Food Innovation District Project – Greater Lansing

**Position Location and Logistics:**

- Personal transportation/mobility necessary.
- Student will maintain business casual attire.
- The work is tentatively planned for ten 40 hour weeks beginning in May 2014 and running through August 2014; some flexibility may exist.
- Salary \$11.25 per hour

**Position Functions:**

- Report detailing the infrastructure assets currently in place in the proposed MI FID
- Report detailing infrastructure needs of various food-related business (processors, manufacturers, distributors, associations, equipment wholesalers, etc.)
- Report examining best practices and potential bio-waste solutions for the MI FID
- Report examining best practices and potential broadband internet solutions for the MI FID
- Multi-media presentations for various stakeholders
- Maps and other visual representations of solutions and recommendations

**Desirable Skills and/or Experience:**

- Degree or area of study directly related to project deliverables
- Exceptional research skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use computer software programs, especially web development software
- Ability to effectively interact with industry professionals and project team members
- Ability to manage the demands of multiple project segments and deadlines
- Ability to work independently
- Student applicants may include full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled at Michigan State University. Candidates will ideally attained junior or senior undergraduate student status or be a graduate student.
- Office location will be in the Lansing area, specific location to be determined.

**Background Summary:** A regional food innovation district (FID) is a strategic, geographic concentration of food-oriented businesses and services designed to broaden the marketplace for existing and growth stage food-related companies. FIDs connect growers, producers, processors, retail operators, storage, distribution, agricultural operations and many other businesses along the value chain of food innovation through co-location and coordinated market development.

The proposed FID is located along Jolly Road, between Hagadorn and Okemos Roads, on the border of Meridian and Alaiedon townships. This district has significant potential to serve as a nexus of regional growth for agriculture businesses, food processing, storage and distribution in mid-Michigan. It presently is home to several food-related companies. Also located within is an MSU-owned building proposed to house MSU's Food Processing Innovation Center, a food business accelerator currently in its planning phase.

Under the direct supervision of an Extension educator and with input from other project partners, the intern will undertake a comprehensive examination of the necessary infrastructure elements that will permit food-related businesses to conduct business in this MI Food Innovation District (MI FID).

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