

Pendleton Urban Renewal Agency

Community Profile

Population: 16,871

Location: Pendleton

Position Description:

Agency: City of Pendleton,
Urban Renewal Agency

Supervisor: Larry Johnson, City Manager

Assignment: The ISARE participant will work on several projects. The first project is conducting activities within the Urban Renewal Agency commencing 2009. The participant will serve as the primary contact for the agency staff and will identify and evaluate the needs, concerns and interests of property owners, tenants, public agencies and businesses working closely with local business owners affected by the program. Additionally, the participant will research possible changes to local zoning, zoning ordinance, local business zoning, a parking study, and in public facilities, transit, transit, and more in the City's second year development program. Finally, the participant, working closely with the specific administrative department of the City's urban renewal administration program, begins in 2010.

Required Skills: The participant should have strong skills in project management and organization. Additionally, the participant should have strong verbal and written communication skills and should be comfortable working with the public, with business owners, and with representatives from various agencies.

ISARE Member



Nicholas Fikaris, a native of New Missouri, Michigan, obtained a BS in Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Science from the University of Michigan. As a student, Nick developed computer models to simulate lightning over the United States. 2000 Honorable City/State Award recipient for the completion of BS-MS studies for the Weather Understanding and Space program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Nick served in the Peace Corps in Cameroon from 2000-2002 and Tanzania from 2002-2004, where he taught earth physics, chemistry, and geography at local secondary schools. More recently, Nick worked as a sales manager for an aviation company in Florida, where he was responsible for expanding and publicizing the target industrial market for the firm.

