



Director of Development and Placemaking

Salary

\$90,000-115,000 DOE

About Innovate ABQ

Innovate ABQ is a public-private partnership created to develop a 7-acre innovation district in downtown Albuquerque to foster economic development and job creation in New Mexico. The site is intended to help put the region on a path to higher growth by improving the productivity of people and firms in ways that lead to better incomes and living standards for all. This vision includes more than 720,000 square feet of physically-compact, technically-wired, walkable space devoted to bringing together New Mexico's innovators to foster the creation of long-term, job-creating ventures and increase access to opportunity for the entire community.

InnovateABQ is located on the corner of Broadway and Central, in the heart of Albuquerque's rapidly expanding Innovation District. We offer a very flexible work environment and schedule, direct interaction with some of the City and State's most influential leaders and the opportunity to help us define the culture of this exciting project.

Role

Innovate ABQ seeks a dynamic, entrepreneurial, and driven team member who shares our passion of building an inclusive economy and who can help accelerate the building of physical assets to support our mission. The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated passion for mission-focused development and placemaking, an entrepreneurial and collaborative leadership style, and a proven track record of project management, funding source identification and development, partnership building, and advocacy.

This role will report directly to the Innovate ABQ Executive Director and will oversee the implementation of the organization's land development and placemaking strategy.

InnovateABQ's Placemaking Strategy seeks to create an integrated, highly connected community that fosters innovation, technological advancement, and entrepreneurial activity. A goal of the Project is to create a one-stop-shop environment for companies, entrepreneurs, and investors in an accessible and diverse innovation community. The Project and its management entity, Innovate ABQ, Inc., encourage, bolster and enhance innovative economic development, job creation and technology creation and transfer.

Responsibilities

- Lead the redevelopment efforts of the site's existing buildings, collectively known as the former First Baptist Church site.
- Assist the Executive Director with policy and legislative issues which directly impact the site, such as amendments to applicable public incentives policies as well as urban planning policies and initiatives.
- Manage the Placemaking Planning Community Input process and outreach activities increasing visibility of the organization within the community and establishing relationships with target populations.

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- Coordinate and manage assisting personnel, including contractors and volunteers.
- Develop and manage relationships with new and existing community partners, potential tenants and funding entities.
- Seek and develop opportunities to improve site operations, accessibility, and attractiveness and act as project lead for real estate or urban planning projects.
- Assist in developing strategies to remove barriers to participation and ensure the development of a culturally and economically diverse entrepreneurial community.
- Provide written and oral reports as necessary

Required Skills

- Demonstrated ability in effective communication, written and oral, in an open public sector or community environment.
- Experience in multi jurisdictional or multi stakeholder integrated analysis, planning and implementation of programs or projects.
- Prior programs or business management experience preferred with demonstrated experience in mission specific planning or placemaking for communities, industrial or business parks, public or private sector.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, dynamic, and flexible environment
- Passionate and creative self-starter, with ability to take initiative and drive towards results