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A network of Circles of Support inspired by Catholic Social Teaching who, together, provide education, direct support, and advocacy to promote humane immigration policies in Michigan

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Contractual Job Description: Economic Development Organizer

PROJECT AREA:	BELONG: NORTHERN MICHIGAN IMMIGRANT INCLUSION NETWORK Office of Global Michigan Economic Development Plan Funding
LOCATION:	Remote, with in-person meetings across the northern lower peninsula (travel reimbursed at \$0.50/mile)
DATES:	11/01/25 – 09/30/26, contract renewal dependent on funding
EXPECTED HOURS:	Hours will vary week to week, with an average approx. 20 hours / week.
COMPENSATION:	\$22-\$30 / hour, depending on experience

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Economic Development Organizer (EDO) will play a key role in advancing immigrant inclusive economic growth strategies across the northern lower peninsula. This position will support the development and operations of a regional Economic Development Taskforce, engage diverse network partners, and coordinate an annual event focused on immigrant hiring and retention. The EDO will help build lasting infrastructure to support collaborative workforce and economic development efforts.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Launch and support monthly meetings of the Economic Development Taskforce.
- Identify and build relationships with key stakeholders including local employers, immigrant business owners, chambers of commerce, higher education institutions, and Michigan Works partners.
- Support newcomer focus groups around hiring and retention needs and barriers
- Organize an Economic Development Workshop to convene network partners to share best practices and resources around immigrant hiring, retention, and economic inclusion. Ideally this would take place during the April / May 2026 Belong Conference.
- Monitor engagement metrics, track progress, and contribute to reports on outreach and collaborative outcomes.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong organizational, communication, and computer skills
- Experience in community organizing, workforce development, or economic development
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively across diverse sectors
- Multilingualism and understanding of immigrant and international student populations is a plus

TO APPLY: Send a cover letter, resume, and two references to Amy Ketner at ketner.a@strangersnolonger.org