

Matt Barry described his process for hiring developer consultants in the “Strategic Planning for Technology” session of the Portland NNIP partners meeting in March 2012. See <http://www.neighborhoodindicators.org/activities/meetings/strategic-planning-technology> for his PowerPoint and video that will be posted.



A summary of the process as described by Matt Barry.

**A. POST TO ALL NETWORKS**

We are seeking open-source developers to lead the technical implementation of two web-based data and storytelling projects funded by the Knight Foundation Community Information Challenge:

The Colorado Data Commons brings thousands of sources of public information together in one central, digitally accessible location so people can find the information they need to drive community change. The Citizen Atlas offers tools for creating and sharing data-driven stories. Communities will be able to create their own media-rich, interactive data narratives, leveraging their stories for maximum impact. We love bringing data to life and hope you do, too.

You’ll be a perfect fit if you can identify the right software tools, extend existing open-source code, and rapidly implement and iterate prototypes. We don’t yet have a preferred web-development framework, so whether you love Rails or Django or Drupal you’ll have an opportunity to convince us what we should use and why. These ideas are embedded in emerging development space with a great deal of energy and we want someone who is familiar with what’s already out there, especially in applying JavaScript and HTML5 to interactive data visualization.

You are drawn to this project because you are creative, innovative and want to work on something that has tangible, positive social impact. The project development environment will be agile and iterative with room to experiment in the beginning.

The Citizen Atlas will be a one-year contract and the Data Commons will be a six-month contract, although they are flexible. Rates are competitive. Both projects are based in Denver, but we’re open to developers who need to work remotely within the U.S. We are ready to start immediately.

If you’d like more information, we’re happy to share requirements documents for the projects. Please contact Matt Barry ([mbarry@piton.org](mailto:mbarry@piton.org) | 303.825.6246) to learn more.

**B. SEND RESPONDENTS THIS LETTER (SURVEY ATTACHED SEPARATELY):**

XXXX,

In order to hone our selection process, we're asking potential partners to fill out a lightweight survey. <http://thepitonfoundation.wufoo.com/forms/denver-data-platform-developer-search/> Could you fill it out so we can keep an up to date inventory of candidates.

To access the high-level requirements for both projects and additional information follow the link:  
<http://www.box.net/shared/g4kfbcbjd8rqldm6rg3>

Best, Matt

**C. CONTACT PROMISING CANDIDATES**

**D. INTERVIEW (WITH THE HELP OF A 3RD PARTY TECHNOLOGIST) FOR QUALIFICATION**

## Denver Data Platform Developer Search

Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Data Commons and/or the Citizen Atlas projects. We'd love to learn a little more about you to help us identify if there might be a good fit.

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**Name? \***

First

Last

**Email \***

**Please indicate which scenario(s) best fit your circumstance. \***

- A freelance developer looking for part time contract employment
- A freelance developer interested in full time contract employment
- A member of a small development firm (<6 employees)
- A member of a larger development firm (6 or more)

**Business information (if applicable)**

**Where would the primary developer(s) be located? \***

- Colorado
- Mountain States
- Remainder of US
- Non-US
- Other

**Where did you hear about the project(s)? \***

**Which project(s) are you interested in? \***

- Colorado Data Commons
- Citizen Atlas