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Amazon Distribution Facility Scheduled to Open September 21, 2016

Amazon plans to open its new fulfillment center located on Innovation Way in the South-coast Life Science and Technology Park on September 21, 2016.

As the construction of the facility nears completion, the 500 employment positions will be open to applicants beginning July 22, 2016. The starting pay for most positions will be \$12.75 to \$14.75 per hour and the workweek consists of four 10 hour days.

Beginning July 22, 2016 the Amazon jobs will be posted online and applicants will be required to fill out an online

assessment. The assessment takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and will determine if the applicant will move onto the next step in the hiring process.

Anyone interested in a job at Amazon must have a high school diploma or its equivalent and pass a drug test. Internet access and a personal email address are needed to complete the application process.

Amazon has been working closely with the Fall River Career Center (FRCC), so all inquiries should be directed to the FRCC at 508-730-5000.



Left: Aerial photo of the Amazon Fulfillment Center located on Innovation Way in the Fall River Industrial Park

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1,132 Jobs Available

Looking for a job?

Visit froed.org then select the "Current Employment Opportunities" tab. Next click "Job Search" and this will launch an interactive database.

Within this database alone there are currently **1,132** employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River.





Raw Seafoods Expanding in Fall River Industrial Park

Raw Seafoods, Inc. is a family owned and operated company that specializes in fresh and frozen scallops, fish and value-added seafood solutions.

Raw Seafoods' headquarters is located at 481 Currant Road in the Fall River Industrial Park. Their state-of-the-art facility has achieved the advanced BRC "AA" designation, one of the few plants in the country to reach that level.

Jason and Scott Hutchens, brothers who own and operate Raw Seafoods, Inc., are now looking to expand their hugely successful business. Their business includes purchasing, processing and

selling seafood throughout the USA and Europe.

Raw Seafoods is now looking to construct an 80,000 to 90,000 square foot cold storage warehouse facility on undeveloped land that abuts their current location.

Raw Seafoods' expansion comes on the heels of the Blount Fine Foods expansion, a neighbor of Raw Seafood, as well as the Matouk expansion, which also took place in the Fall River Industrial Park. We commend these companies for their success and dedication to strengthening the Fall River business community.



Above: Raw Seafoods located at 481 Currant Road, Fall River, MA

Strong Year for the FROED Loan Program

The Fall River Office of Economic Development (FROED) closed loans totaling \$2,231,000 in fiscal year 2016. The \$2,231,000 represents 14 loans to businesses in Fall River and Freetown. In turn the loan clients, collectively, will create 31 new fulltime jobs and 18 new part-time jobs.

Kenneth Fiola, Jr., Executive Vice President of FROED is pleased with FY16 loan totals noting, "The number of businesses looking for financing to expand or otherwise enhance their operations is a positive sign for our community because it represents growth and investment in Fall River. I want to thank our loan clients for their commitment to Fall River and thank FROED's finance committee for their dedication to making these projects become a reality."

As a one-stop financing center, FROED works closely with public-sector agencies and the banking and investment communities to identify available sources of capital. FROED's in-house loan

programs, funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant, can be combined with private, state and federal funds. The result is a below-market financial package tailored exclusively for your business.

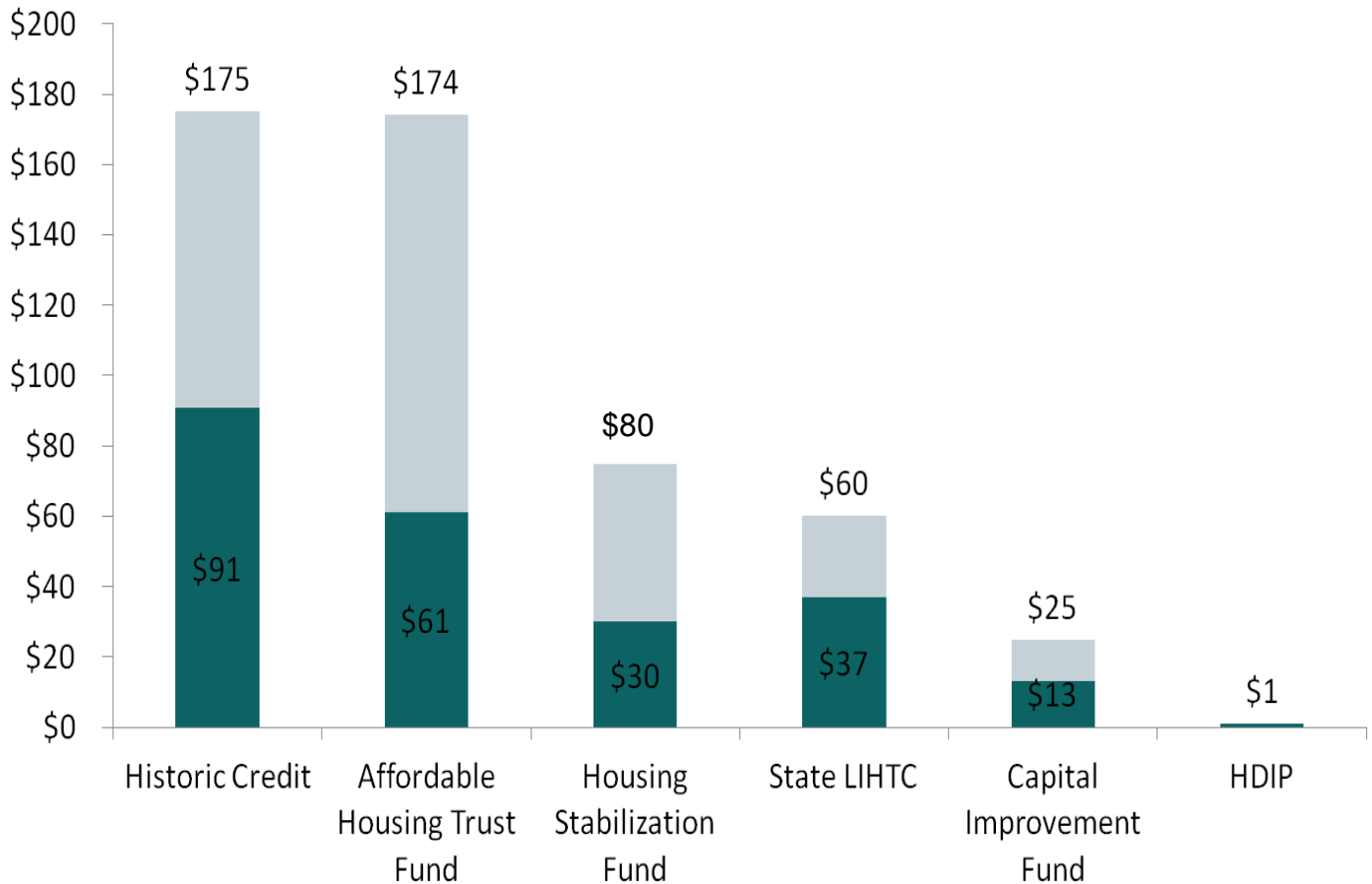
FROED has a number of different loan programs that can meet the diverse needs of the business community. In FY16 loans ranged from \$5,000 to \$450,000. FROED also services clients in Freetown, Somerset and Westport in addition to Fall River.

For additional information about FROED's loan programs, please visit our website at <http://froed.org/> loan-programs or call the office at 508-324-2620 to speak with a loan specialist. We look forward to working with you!



Fall River by the Numbers...

2013-2016 state invested \$314 million in subsidized housing in contrast to \$1 million in market rate housing.





Keeping Fall River working in Fall River.

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FROED Hiring Economic Development Administrative Assistant

The Fall River Office of Economic Development is seeking to hire an Economic Development Financial Administrative Assistant to work with the Executive Vice President and the Director of Administration in a transitional role to understand and manage the financial operations of the office. Amongst other things, the candidate will need to possess a college degree in accounting along with a demonstrated track record of financial management of private and non-profit businesses and corporations. The candidate will also need to demonstrate experience in payroll preparation, state and federal tax filings, preparation of CDBG, EDA, SBA and bank financial reports on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual basis, reconciliation of all revolving loan fund accounts receivables, development of in-house financials, annual budget preparation,

health care insurance policies, loan servicing, assist in independent audit preparation, forward annual audit findings to identified funding sources. Ultimately this position will be merged into the Director of Administration position.

Application can be obtained at the Fall River Office of Economic Development, Room 633, One Government Center, Fall River MA 02722, or on our website: www.froed.org "Current Employment Opportunities" Deadline for receipt of Application is July 26, 2016.

The Fall River Office of Economic Development programs, activities and employment opportunities do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap, familial status or natural origin and available on an equal opportunity basis.

Fall River's Finest: Malcolm "Mac" Aldrich

Malcolm Aldrich was born in Fall River in 1900 to Stanley and Jane Pratt Aldrich, he had two brothers. Aldrich attended local Fall River schools including BMC Durfee High School where he was the captain of both the baseball and football teams.

Aldrich also attended Pomfret Preparatory School and Yale University where he was an All-American football and baseball player and served as captain of both sports.

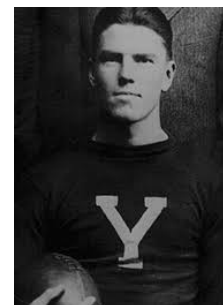
Upon graduating from Yale in 1922, Aldrich joined the staff of philanthropist Edward S. Harkness. Upon Harkness' death in 1940, Aldrich became President of the Commonwealth Fund, a charitable foundation dedicated primarily to medical research and education. Aldrich was chair of the board until his retirement in 1953.

He was well known by profit and not-for-profit groups alike and served on the board of directors of The Museum of Natural History, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, The New York Trust Company, the American Electric Power Co. and the New York Central Railroad, among others.

Aldrich achieved rank of captain in the Naval Reserves after serving as special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air during WWII. He received the first Durfee Distinguished Alumni Award in 1962 and in 1979 the football field at the high school was dedicated in his honor.

Aldrich married Ella Buffington and they had three children and six grandsons. Aldrich died in 1986.



(Profile from John B. Cummings, Jr. "Cream of the Crop—Fall River's Best and Brightest")



Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:

Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.

For more information please visit our website: www.froed.org