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Role: Alan is responsible for data collection, modelling, and analysis. He also provides the division with support and expertise in the areas of economic impact analysis and GIS.

Alan can best be described as a regional scientist whose interests lie at the intersection of economics and computer science. In his work, he endeavors to bring technology to the forefront of modern challenges in economic development and regional planning. On a given day he can be found in such divergent pursuits as researching the fiscal impacts of a land use change, or automating a data-driven dashboard or statistical process.

Prior to joining the Gilbert OED team, Alan worked as a research economist at the Economic and Business Research Center of the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management. At EBRC, Alan was a key contributor to several team projects such as the Making Action Possible Dashboard and Arizona-Mexico Economic indicators. Other responsibilities included management of primary data collection, market research studies, and collaboration on several economic impact analyses.

Alan completed his undergraduate work at the University of Arizona and holds degrees from Boston University (M.A. '10) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (M.S. '13). He is also a member the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). When he is not batch processing large quantities of data, Alan can be found batch processing large batches of chocolate chip cookies with his two kids, or watching the Wildcats destroy the Sun Devils.