

REGIONAL/TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Description of work:

The Regional/Transportation Planner is a full-time professional position and will provide services to SICOG member communities. The position will be responsible for assisting with planning, technical assistance, grantsmanship, general and contractual assistance to local governmental members of the SICOG.

The position will be responsible for assuring the completion of specific service tasks pertaining to:

1. All documents related to the Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA):
 - a. Long Range Transportation Plan
 - b. Transportation Improvement Plan
 - c. Transportation Plan Work Program
 - d. Passenger Transportation Plan
 - e. Administrative activities for the Transportation Affiliation.
2. Comprehensive Plans and other planning documents.
3. Technical assistance to cities and counties.
4. Overall regional development plans, needs and concerns.
5. Individual member contractual projects.
6. Overall coordination of development and planning activities.
7. Providing assistance in both community and economic development activities.
8. Mapping and other GIS services.

The Regional/Transportation Planner will have broad discretion and independent decision making in developing plans, selecting and mixing related services, assisting with determining needs and solutions of individual member governments. Plans and assistance must, however, conform to the policies and overall direction of the agency. The Regional/Transportation Planner is directly accountable for the successful completion of individual projects, and indirectly accountable for overall service delivery.

Supervision:

The Regional/Transportation Planner position reports to the agency's Executive Director.

FLSA STATUS: Exempt

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

The Regional/Transportation Planner duties include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. Provide Administrative and technical assistance to the ATURA Transportation Affiliation on an ongoing basis, as requested and/or as required, and serve as another primary contact for the Board of Directors, as well as the Technical and Policy Committees.
2. Provide technical assistance to member governments of SICOG on an ongoing basis.
3. Conduct research, analyze data, and prepare reports, presentations and documents for a wide variety of projects.

4. Research and write grant applications, as requested, and complete contractual administrative requirements, as assigned.
5. Establish and maintain a rapport with local member governments, and elected/appointed officials, to determine needs and concerns and assist with contract and service development.
6. Develop and maintain several areas of expertise that directly benefit member governments.
7. Remain knowledgeable and current on relevant federal, state and local community and economic development programs.
8. Maintain a working knowledge of governmental and planning operations and processes.
9. Undertake and successfully complete all requirements of special projects and programs, as directed.
10. Monitor individual member's community and economic development efforts.
11. Complete all work in an accurate and timely manner.
12. Coordinate activities with all other agency staff, assist with overall office needs, and aid other staff as much as possible during individual "down time".
13. Maintain knowledge of other agencies' and partners' programs, coordinate activities with all other agencies and partners, and conduct a good working relationship with all other state and local service providers.
14. Conduct, or facilitate workshops and group sessions to provide training for member governments and individuals.
15. Maintain liaisons with all State of Iowa Departmental field staff that relate to planning and development programs, especially those staff that work in the same expertise area.
16. Assist with the development of a staff team approach.
17. General work related activities.
 - Provides callers with information and assistance.
 - Accurately prepares correspondence, documents, reports, forms, records and other materials using typewriter, computer word processing program and spreadsheets.
 - Maintains orderly files.
 - Copies, faxes, emails, sends and files materials as directed.
 - Prepares planning documents and reports relating to housing needs assessments, hazard mitigation plans, and housing compliance monitoring.
 - Prepares financial reports in accordance with program guidelines.
 - Prepares progress reports in accordance with program guidelines.
 - Writes and administers a variety of state and federal grants for various community development programs.
 - Performs assorted record keeping duties associated with housing and community development programs.
18. Assist other staff members with research, data collection and program management on an as

needed basis.

19. Perform all other duties relating to the agency and workplace as assigned by the Executive Director.

Education and Experience:

1. Bachelor's Degree in community/regional planning, geography, urban studies, public administration, or another related field and no prior experience is necessary, but desired.
OR
2. Bachelor's Degree in another field and one (1) year of experience working with governmental projects.
OR
3. Master's Degree in community/regional planning, geography, urban studies, public administration, or another related field and no prior experience is necessary, but desired

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

The individual must possess the following knowledge, skills and abilities or be able to explain and demonstrate that the individual can safely perform the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodation, using some other combination of skills and abilities.

1. Knowledge of basic planning practices and procedures, and general governmental operations.
2. Ability to utilize time management and organizational skills.
3. Ability to work effectively with a wide range of personalities.
4. Skilled in analytical techniques.
5. Ability to operate with minimum supervision.
6. Ability to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing.
7. Ability to coordinate other staff projects and provide assistance as required.
8. Ability to work within a team atmosphere.
9. Ability to make independent decisions.
10. Ability to prioritize.
11. Ability to function in a professional manner and as a "staff leader."
12. Ability and willingness to meet deadlines.
13. Ability to function with a work load instead of a time philosophy.
14. Skilled in computer usage, keyboarding, and data entry, including knowledge of current common office software applications.
15. Ability to facilitate group sessions and disseminate information in a semi-classroom or townhall setting.
16. Knowledge of, or ability to learn, interpret, and retain guidelines and regulations pertaining to expertise areas.
17. Ability to work in pressure situations.

Interested individuals should send letter of introduction and resume to:
SICOG, 101 E. Montgomery Street, Creston, Iowa 50801.

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www.sicog.com

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SICOG@sicog.com

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