

Northeast Ohio's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is seeking a superior and proven leader, manager and administrator to serve as the

Executive Director

Starting salary range \$140,000 - \$160,000 plus generous benefits depending on qualifications

NOACA is seeking a highly qualified and proven executive to serve as the Executive Director for the 40+ person MPO.

This position has three direct reports: Directors of Transportation Planning, Transportation Programs and Finance and Operations. This role also oversees Information Technology and Legal Counsel. NOACA is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina Counties in Northeast Ohio, combining to serve a population of over 2 million. This agency provides cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous planning for highways, public transit, and multi-modal transportation. In addition, this organization performs water quality, transportation-related air quality, and other environmental planning functions. NOACA works with partners including the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, among others.

NOACA has a 44-member Governing Board, representative of all political subdivisions within the five NOACA counties. This award-winning agency is seeking an individual with demonstrated success in achieving results through working with transportation and other infrastructure projects while building and maintaining relationships with political, community and business leaders. He/she should be articulate, mature and a highly skilled planning professional whose knowledge extends beyond the traditional aspects of planning. The successful candidate will possess a thorough understand of transportation planning with a record of being fiscally sound and responsible. He/she will possess superior management skills and clearly demonstrate the ability to analyze professional and administrative problems and make sound recommendations.

The selected candidate will be both a strong mediator and facilitator, capable of synthesizing a wide variety of viewpoints into meaningful, practical, and cost-effective proposals. This position is a highly visible one, and requires a person with the utmost in personal and professional integrity, as well as demonstrated business and political acumen. This individual will have a strong commitment to the promotion of diversity and equality of opportunity in the workplace and business settings.

A Bachelor's degree in Urban or Regional Planning, Public Administration, Transportation or Civil Engineering or related fields with seven to ten years senior level leadership experience is needed. Experience and background should include long-range and current planning, and successful experience with complex governing entities. Prior experience working in a MPO is highly desirable as are relevant certifications and recognitions.

Qualified candidates please submit your resumé online by visiting our website at www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment. This position is open until filled; however, the first review of applicants will take place on January 16, 2012. For more information please contact Andrea Battle Sims by calling .216.695.4776 or by visiting our website at www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment.