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DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Working smartly to enhance the quality of life for nearly 800,000 people along the southern shore of Lake Michigan, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is seeking an exceptional individual to lead transportation planning activities under NIRPC's designation as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This position is open due to retirement, but has been re-framed to meet today's challenges as NIRPC enters the next 50 years of its impactful history.

SUMMARY OF THE POSITION:

The Director of Transportation will head up the development and implementation of NIRPC's transportation framework and ensure that NIRPC meets all its Federally-required responsibilities as an MPO. The position will oversee the staff responsible for all aspects of transportation planning, and will facilitate stakeholder committees pertaining to technical, financial, and other aspects of regional transportation planning and project management. Responsible for the Long Range Transportation Plan (integrated into NIRPC's nationally award-winning *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan*), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other federal MPO requirements, the Director of Transportation will respond to internal and external inquiries pertaining to transportation planning; will be responsible for quality of transportation team products; will develop and enhance performance metrics/measurements; will lead and direct the work of transportation planning staff; will ensure efficient and effective use of transportation planning funds; and will be the go-to strategic point person for all transportation-related projects.

Minimum Requirements

- Minimum educational accomplishment is a Bachelor's Degree in urban or regional planning, or a related discipline such as public policy or transportation engineering. Master's Degree and AICP are both *strongly* preferred.
- Minimum of eight years of successful experience in transportation planning (or land use planning with a transportation component), preferably with a regional or local government. Additional experience may compensate for a lack of a Master's degree.
- At least five years of the relevant experience should be in a supervisory capacity.
- Demonstrated ability to lead effectively with strengths in adaptive management and mentoring.
- Strong customer and public service ethic.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, including group facilitation abilities.
- Demonstrated understanding of transportation planning principles and general requirements of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.
- Exceptional skills and aptitude in project management and public administration, including budgeting, project staffing, and coordination of work activities.

STARTING SALARY PARAMETERS:

- \$65,000 – \$80,000, depending on qualifications. NIRPC has a competitive benefits package, including twelve paid holidays and a flexible work schedule.

APPLICATION & TIMEFRAME:

- To be considered for this position, please submit a carefully-written cover letter, resume, and at least four professional references to:

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- Application materials should be in NIRPC's hands by July 31, 2017, though the position will remain open until filled in order to find the candidate with the best fit among professional qualifications, experience, and suitability to NIRPC's mission.

Wondering about Northwest Indiana?

Called "the Affordable Shore" by the Chicago Tribune, Northwest Indiana combines an innovative spirit, beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline, and proximity to Chicago and its amenities with commuter rail access that is undergoing major expansion and service enhancements.

Northwest Indiana's 41 communities each has its own unique character, providing everything from vibrant downtown restaurant scenes to growing arts districts to simple, small town charm.

These communities provide Northwest Indiana with a rich but affordable quality of life, helped by a state constitution property tax cap, lower taxes than our Illinois neighbors, and lower housing costs overall within similar or better proximity to Chicago's loop than many Illinois suburbs.

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and coastal environs provide exceptional beaches, dunescapes, paddling opportunities, and access to 150 miles of paved trails linking greenways, parks, and other recreational amenities throughout the region.

The northwestern Indiana region is surging, and the Director of Transportation will play a huge role in making sure opportunities and access grow right along with it.

