

## **Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director**

Nestled in the heart of Florida, Lake and Sumter Counties are located almost an hour northwest of Orlando, an hour and a half northeast of Tampa, and an hour west to the beach in Crystal River. With more than 335,000 residents, Lake County and Sumter County have over 1,000 fresh water lakes with the most notable being Panasoffkee and Miona Lakes along with the Harris Chain of Lakes and Clermont Chain of Lakes, which offer endless hiking, boating, and fishing spots. Avid fisherman, campers, and hikers can enjoy the Ocala National Forest, Alexander Springs, and Powell's Campground. Sumter County is described as "...the real Florida," and it's easy to see why the area has grown rapidly. With the resident's southern hospitality, the endearing charm of its bed and breakfast inns, and picturesque lake views, Lake-Sumter is the ideal family-friendly setting. Education, environment, excellent services and other quality of life issues are important to Lake County and Sumter County citizens and to the Board of County Commissioners. Both counties encompass 1,518 square miles of farms, forest, vital urban centers and small towns; Lake-Sumter combines the best of suburb living and rural values with an abundance of historical, social and cultural resources. Lake and Sumter Counties invites résumés and applications for the position of Executive Director.

Ideal candidates will have a bachelor's degree in transportation planning, civil engineering, urban/regional planning, geography, business management, communication or political science and ten years directly related transportation planning experience or a master's degree in transportation planning, civil engineering, urban/regional planning, geography, business management, communication or political science and six years directly related transportation planning experience or any equivalent combination of related education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential job functions. American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification and registration as a Professional Engineer (PE) in a related discipline is desired. A valid Florida driver's license is required.

Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) offers a competitive salary range commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications and experience. The incumbent's salary is \$95,763. The Metropolitan Planning Organization also provides a comprehensive benefits package including participation in medical, dental, life, and vision insurance; optional life and disability coverage, social security matching, retirement contributions, workers compensation, a vehicle and technology allowance, and the coverage of professional services, training, licenses, and memberships, as well as paid holidays, annual and sick leave. Relocation expenses may be negotiated with the Board. The adopted budget for the Department for FY 2017-2018 is \$917,786 and the Department operates with 6 full-time employees.

Qualified candidates should submit their cover letter and resume online by visiting our website at <https://springsted-waters.recruitmenthome.com/postings/1707>. This position is open until filled; however, interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply no later than January 3, 2018. Following this date, applications will be screened against criteria outlined in this brochure. On-site interviews with the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization in Lady Lake, Florida will be offered by the MPO to those candidates named as finalists, with reference checks, background checks and academic verifications conducted after receiving candidates' permission. For more information, please contact Anne Lewis at [alewis@springsted.com](mailto:alewis@springsted.com), (804) 726-9748.

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