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REGIONAL PLANNER/POLICY ANALYST

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 enterprising individual to be the go-to data and trend analyst for this burgeoning region. This position is open due to a promotion within the agency, and is needed to ride regional data and analyze the population wave as NIRPC enters the next 50 years of its impactful history.

SUMMARY OF THE POSITION:

The Regional Planner/Policy Analyst serves as a data and trends resource to community partners outside the agency and to planning colleagues within it. Accountable as the agency's go-to source for identifying and interpreting regional trends and making sense of aggregate information, the energetic person in this position will wrangle demographic, environmental justice, economic, housing, fiscal, and other data, including transportation performance measurement. The Regional Planner/Policy Analyst will be setting up a regional, open-source data clearinghouse and analyzing demographic, statistical and financial data, relating all of this to overall regional goals while developing insightful recommendations. With this arsenal of information at their fingertips, they'll be engagingly presenting their findings based on solid analysis, and feeding that information into NIRPC's planning products and into the NIRPC decision-making committee structure.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree is required in urban or regional planning, information science or a related field.
- Master's degree with at least two years of experience is desired, and AICP certification is preferred.
- Minimum of two to three years of successful experience is sought, preferably with a regional or local government, in transportation and/or land use planning.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare & give public presentations while making information clear and understandable.
- Ability to organize and prioritize multiple tasks in order to respond promptly to requests for information.
- Ability to work effectively as a team member with strengths in written and verbal communications and a customer-oriented service ethic.
- Knowledge of GIS software and skilled in the production of easily-understood and trend-setting graphs, charts, and infographics.

STARTING SALARY PARAMETERS:

- \$41,000 – \$47,000, 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 three 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 Regional Planner/Policy Analyst will track and disseminate a wealth of information about it from a front-row seat.

