



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

The **Atlanta Regional Commission** (Atlanta, GA) seeks a highly qualified professional with a breadth of relevant experience and a track record of success for the position of Executive Director. Under the direction of the Board and its Chair, the Executive Director serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Atlanta Regional Commission and provides executive oversight of day-to-day operations. ARC is governed by a 41-member board consisting of both elected officials and citizen members and is among the most respected multi-jurisdictional planning agencies in the country. It is the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency for the 11-county Atlanta region, which comprises a population of approximately 5 million.

ARC enables the region's leadership to focus attention, collaboration, and resources on critical issues affecting their collective future. It is one of 12 regional commissions in Georgia and the only one designated as a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission. As such, it also serves as the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency and the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the 20-county metropolitan area and is responsible for developing a multi-modal, transportation plan that meets all federal transportation and Clean Air Act planning requirements. Additionally, ARC serves as the federally designated Area Agency on Aging for a 10-county Atlanta region, providing services and policy guidance to improve the quality of life of older adults. ARC provides planning staff to the [Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District](#), which develops comprehensive regional and watershed-specific water resources plans to be implemented by local governments in the 15-county metro Atlanta region, and serves as the administrative agency for the [Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board](#) for 7 counties. Finally, ARC serves as the local administrative agency for the [Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative](#) (UASI), which supports regional preparedness for homeland security issues for 5 core counties and the City of Atlanta.

- ARC has a budget of approximately \$100 million (\$5.2 General Fund and \$94.8 Special and Enterprise Revenue), and an employee count of approximately 200 Full Time Equivalent Employees. The Commission's workforce is composed of subject-matter experts across the various disciplines under ARC's purview. The Agency is known for its positive organizational culture and has thrived under a series of long-tenured Executive Directors. The current Executive Director will support his successor through a transition period culminating with his retirement in March 2022.
- Regional planning has helped metro Atlanta become one of the nation's largest, most dynamic regions. ARC is responsible for developing and updating the **Atlanta Region's Plan**, a long-range blueprint which details investments needed to ensure metro Atlanta's future success and improve the region's quality of life. The plan, developed with ARC's community partners and with robust public input, aims to "Win the Future" by providing world-class infrastructure, building a competitive economy, and ensuring the region is composed of healthy, livable communities.
- Like many mega-regions, metro Atlanta is experiencing and addressing varied and evolving challenges, including issues related to equity, housing affordability, transportation and transit, water use, educating its youth, workforce development, meeting the needs of an aging population, while actively addressing homeland security matters. The successful candidate will possess an educational and professional background that prepares them to lead effectively across these wide-ranging policy areas and will demonstrate the requisite credibility and savvy to engage with elected and appointed officials at the federal, state, and local levels.

Qualifications: Master's degree (or equivalent professional experience) in public administration, urban planning, or field related to the role, and 10 or more years of progressively responsible related experience at the senior or executive management level that includes significant management and supervisory experience in a leadership role for a similar or comparable municipal, county, or regional agency. The target salary range for this position is \$275,000 – \$300,000 (salary range negotiable based on qualifications). **Apply by October 15, 2021**, at www.GovHRjobs.com, to the attention of Dele Lowman Smith, Senior Vice President, and Byron Marshall, Vice President, 630 Dundee Road, #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: 847-902-4110.

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