

Lake County, Illinois Director of Transportation/County Engineer

Lake County, IL (population 703,462) seeks highly collaborative, experienced engineering executives as candidates for the County's Director of Transportation/County Engineer position. This position is a key leadership position responsible for planning, organizing and directing all activities related to the highway, bridge and bikeways for the Lake County Transportation System. The Division of Transportation has 129 full-time and 20 part-time employees, a \$20 million operating budget, and a \$50-60 million annual capital program.

Lake County is a large, complex organization consisting of more than 30 departments and divisions that provide services including law enforcement, water and sewerage treatment, public health, criminal justice, transportation, public works, land use planning, building inspections, tax collection, elections, and emergency management. The County has 2,600 employees, a \$450 million budget and is governed by a 21 member elected Board. The county is spread out over more than 1300 square miles.

The Director of Transportation/County Engineer is responsible for the entire 300-mile highway system, 41 highway bridges and 62 miles of bikeways. This includes the development of multi-year capital and funding plans; the implementation of innovative methods of highway construction, operations and maintenance; and, active participation in a wide variety of organizations, agencies and governmental entities throughout the Chicago metropolitan area related to transportation in the region. This position is appointed by the county board and reports to the county administrator.

As the leader of the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT), the director will manage an impressive team of professionals working to provide a safe, efficient and innovative transportation system to enhance mobility, economic development and quality of life in Lake County. The director will have oversight of a state of the art Traffic Management Center, which houses Lake County PASSAGE, an intelligent transportation system that is a model in the region. The successful candidate will also be responsible for LCDOT's snow and ice operation, as well as management of the County's fleet. Our five-year Highway Improvement Program is over \$580 million and supports more than 20,000 jobs. The newly developed LCDOT Strategic Plan has core values that focus heavily on employee development, team building, and innovation.

Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in civil engineering, licensed as a Professional Engineer under the Illinois Professional Engineering Act (or the ability to obtain an Illinois license if licensed in a different state) and ten years of progressively responsible experience in civil or highway engineering and/or construction and maintenance. In addition, significant experience at an executive level interacting with elected officials and other regional stakeholder groups is required. The candidate must receive a satisfactory grade on the examination for the position of County Engineer as administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Starting salary range is \$150,000-\$165,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits package. Submit resume, cover letter, and contact information for five professional references by March 13, 2017 to www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment to the attention of Heidi Voorhees, President, GovHR USA, LLC, 630 Dundee Road #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: 847-380-3240.