



**Decatur, Illinois**  
**Economic and Community Development Director**

**Decatur, IL (pop. 73,500)** The City of Decatur is seeking energetic, professional and accomplished candidates for the newly created Economic and Community Development Director position. Ideal candidates will have well rounded management experience in public and/or private sectors with a focus in economic development, neighborhood regeneration and redevelopment, planning/zoning and/or code enforcement. The new Director will have the opportunity to guide the organization as it transitions into this newly created Department which was recently approved by Council. The Economic and Community Development Director will have the responsibilities that include leading the City's economic development efforts, neighborhood redevelopment, current and long-range planning efforts in coordination with the City's strategic plan as well as directing and managing planning, zoning, development review, permitting, building inspections and code compliance activities within the City. Decatur is an established community in central Illinois that has a rich history and an impressive economic outlook. Decatur is a family oriented community and provides its residents and visitors with a variety of cultural, educational, recreational and entertainment opportunities. Located 40 miles from the state capital in Springfield and practically equidistant to Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis, Decatur is situated in a prime geographic location. Decatur recently ranked as a top 12 Best Illinois Cities for Families, a Top 50 Best City for Global Trade, one of the Top 50 Safest Cities in Illinois and a top city in the country for physicians to live.

The City of Decatur Economic and Community Development Department has 21 employees and has a departmental budget of \$15.8 million (including \$7.4million for Mass Transit). The Director will serve as the Zoning Administrator, a member of the Macon County Regional Planning Commission and departmental personnel serve as staff liaisons to the Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Historical and Architectural Sites Commission. The Divisions of the Department are Economic Development, Building Inspections, Mass Transit, Neighborhood Inspections, Neighborhood Services and Planning and Sustainability. The Director is appointed by the City Manager and serves on the Manager's executive leadership team.

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications and experiences:

- A commitment to creative, problem-solving through teamwork and professionalism, outstanding supervisory and administrative skills and highly developed interpersonal and oral/written communication skills.
- A demonstrated record of team-oriented style leadership with a comprehensive knowledge of economic development, building inspections and code enforcement, urban planning and development concepts, principles, strategies, practices and techniques, mass transit and the ability to facilitate the development of a strong solutions based, customer-service focused department.

- A bachelor's degree in economic development, urban planning, architecture, public and/or business administration, or a related field with a preference for CECd or AICP designation and seven to ten years of progressively responsible senior level management experience. A master's degree is strongly preferred.

The starting salary range projected to be \$110,000+/- DOQ. Residency within the corporate limits of Decatur is required within one year. Apply online with resume, cover letter and contact information for three professional references by June 16, 2017 to the attention of Sarah McKee, Vice-President, GovHRUSA, 630 Dundee Road #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: (847) 380-3240. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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