

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) is seeking a full-time, team-oriented Senior Level Transportation Planner to fill a recently vacated position. The ideal candidate will have a mix of knowledge, skills and abilities including project management, strong communication, analytical and organizational skills. Experience with developing and managing transportation and traffic data systems is necessary. This position requires an individual with a competence in the principles and practices of urban transportation planning, federal transportation and Clean Air Act requirements, superior computer skills, and demonstrated ability to verbally, and in written form, communicate through technical papers and professionally developed presentations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The candidate for this position will ensure that the transportation planning functions of the MPO (Northwest Louisiana Council Of Governments - NLCOG) are in adherence and comply with the mandates of the current Federal Transportation Funding Authorization (as of 7/2014: MAP-21). This is a senior level/project management planning position, and responsibilities include working in a team environment to manage a variety of projects and consultants related to the development of regional transportation plans and improvement programs, major transportation investment studies, development of management systems, and travel demand forecasting, and measuring performance against adopted indicators and/or measures.

Qualifications

- A Master's degree in transportation planning, urban and regional planning, traffic engineering; or a closely related field, AICP accreditation a plus. (Bachelors degree with extended experience may substitute)
- Four years of experience in a transportation-planning field
- Thorough working knowledge of:
 - travel demand modeling methods using TransCAD
 - GIS using ESRI's ArcGIS
 - Air Quality modeling using MOVES
 - the HCM and MUTCD
- Understanding of the federal and state environmental processes, NEPA
- The ability to work both collaboratively and independently
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to provide leadership in a supervisory capacity within a team-based environment and to secure the support and cooperation of all of the team members
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of travel demand forecasting methods (within the TRANSCAD travel demand model (TDM) environment) and procedures including capacity analysis (HCS 2010 software), and applying adjustment factors to observed traffic count data to derive ADTs.
- Familiarity with land use forecasting models and procedures, population, employment and land use forecasting.
- The candidate should have a high level of computer literacy in the application of standard spreadsheet and word processing software, statistical analysis software, geographic information system software, and travel demand forecasting models software.
- Ability to analyze complex issues and present results in concise reports and presentations to the MPO's staff and others.
- Understand the intent and application of pertinent federal and state regulations related to Regional Transportation Planning.

This position offers a very competitive salary, dependent upon qualifications and experience, as well as a comprehensive benefits package and an excellent career opportunity for the right individual. Send cover letter and résumé to J. Kent Rogers, Executive Director, NLCOG, 625 Texas Street, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or via email to jobs@nlcog.org