

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The City of South Milwaukee is accepting applications for the position of full-time Economic Development Director. This is a contract employment opportunity, with an expected minimum duration of two to three years. This position is responsible for providing professional-level leadership work in planning and implementing programmatic activities to develop and support economic development in the City of South Milwaukee. This position will provide professional-level economic development services, including management and execution of economic development projects, outreach, advertising and promotion, and other economic development-related tasks to achieve City goals and objectives. This position will serve as an advocate for economic development in the community, and as a liaison between business owners and the municipality to reach mutual economic development goals. This position is being advertised at a time where significant leadership is needed in the redevelopment of South Milwaukee's historic downtown; One million square feet of soon-to-be-vacant manufacturing, office and warehouse buildings in the city center, and other significant redevelopment "opportunity sites" across the city. The ideal candidate will have a passion for economic development and will work to capture and add to the recent positive momentum of the city and strive to encourage and maintain a vibrant local economy.

Desired Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning, Community or Economic Development, Business, Marketing, or a related field. Five years of professional experience in business, political, or economic development activities with increasing responsibility. Knowledge of municipal, county, and state ordinances and regulations regarding business establishment and licensing. Experience in municipal economic development highly desirable.

Candidate must be dependable and have excellent grammar, spelling, and punctuation skills and be able to compose professional correspondence; have knowledge of modern office methods and procedures; have the ability to communicate effectively and efficiently both verbally and in writing using tact and discretion; and have the ability to thoroughly evaluate proposed economic development projects and interpret applicable zoning and other related municipal, county, and state requirements. Knowledge of the principles of community and economic development, financing opportunities for redevelopment (tax incremental financing, etc.) and strong marketing skills desired.

The annual salary range for this position is \$63,460 - \$81,598. The City of South Milwaukee is responsive to a contract employee or independent contractor engagement to accomplish the objectives of this position. The full job description may be viewed on the city website listed below. Applicants interested in completing an application for this position will need to create an account and application on www.governmentjobs.com. This information may also be accessed through the City of South Milwaukee website: www.smwi.org/job-postings/.

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