

## PHILLIP D. PETERS REGIONAL PLANNING FELLOWSHIP 2017 POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the Phillip D. Peters Regional Planning Fellowship Board of Directors are pleased to announce the availability of a fellowship during the calendar year 2017 to a qualified Master's degree graduate student in urban and regional planning or a related field.

The Phillip D. Peters Regional Planning Fellowship was established in 1999 to honor the late Phil Peters, the former Executive Director of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC)\*. Phil retired in 1999 after completing more than thirty years of extraordinary service to NIPC, during which time he played a major role in the development and implementation of the agency's innovative, comprehensive, and highly-regarded planning program for the Chicago metropolitan area. The fellowship reflects Phil's dedication to NIPC and his personal interest in promoting careers in regional planning.

The fellowship will be awarded during the spring 2017 to a qualified Master's degree graduate student in urban and regional planning or a related field. The objective is to open the fellowship to a broad range of applicants representative of the full scope of regional planning.

The fellowship will be scheduled for a mutually convenient, consecutive period between **May and December 2017**, and consist of a 400-hour work experience at CMAP under the guidance and mentoring of a senior staff member. The fellow will be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Selection will be based upon a combination of educational attainment, relationship of past coursework and employment to the current work and needs of CMAP, and an indication of a career interest in regional planning. Priority will be given to those students who are midway through their graduate program. An interview will be required for candidates selected as finalists for the fellowship.

Fellowship projects may include work in any of the following areas of planning: land use, transportation, environment and natural resources, housing, and/or economic development, and involve responsibilities such as local and regional plan development, community engagement, policy analysis, communications, and/or data research and analysis. Many past Peters Fellows have worked on projects within CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program or on development of the comprehensive regional plan. Every effort will be made to match up the education and interest of the fellow with the agency's work program activities.

In addition, the Peters Fellowship Board of Directors and CMAP will ensure that the Peters Fellow is provided opportunities to participate in a broad range of regional planning activities, including those with partners throughout the region. This will include opportunities to interact with senior leadership at CMAP to gain insight into executive decision-making and policy development.

CMAP is the official regional planning organization for northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. CMAP developed and now leads the implementation of GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's comprehensive regional plan. The agency has also begun development of ON TO 2050, the successor of GO TO 2040, which will build on the previous plan's vision and major policy objectives. See [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

A copy of the application guidelines is attached to this announcement. Please note that the deadline for receiving all application materials is **Friday, February 10, 2017**. The fellow will be announced in late March. Questions regarding the fellowship should be directed to Yesenia Ambriz at 312-386-8660 or [yambriz@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:yambriz@cmap.illinois.gov).

\*To integrate planning for land use and transportation, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning was created in 2005 by merging the staffs of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) and the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS).