Public Works Director, Freeport, IL (pop. 25,000). Historic community in northwestern Illinois, Freeport is 25 miles west of Rockford, 20 miles south of the Wisconsin border and easily accessible to major metropolitan areas in every direction. Site of an 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debate, known for more than 150 years as “Pretzel City” and home to several Fortune 500 companies, Freeport combines history and progress in an area offering both urban and rural living.

Freeport is at the cutting edge of technology having signed the first 5G contract for a city its size, using a variety of platforms to enhance its service delivery. Additionally, Freeport is one of the leaders in fleet management, working with companies such as Enterprise to manage and lease its fleet. Accordingly, the City seeks a public works professional that embraces new and emerging techniques and technologies for efficient and cost-effective service delivery.

Freeport is a full-service city. In addition to Public Works, services also include Police, Fire/EMS, Community Development, Library and administrative support services. Parks are offered through a separate district. The City has approximately 197 full-time employees and a combined $44 million budget.

The Public Works Department includes six divisions: administration, operations, streets, water and sewer, engineering, and fleet services. The Director’s responsibilities include the overall leadership, direction and evaluation of all Public Works activities, operations, and personnel. The Director is responsible for leading a department of 43 full-time employees and managing approximately $30 million in operating, capital and utility budgets. The position is appointed by and reports to the City Manager.

Qualified candidates should have:

- A bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, public or business administration, or a related field, or a combination of training and experience substantially equivalent.
- A P.E. is desired, but not required; private sector engineering experience is welcome.
- Five or more years of increasingly responsible experience in public sector management or the management of a public works department, engineering, or similar client-based organization, is desirable.
- Minimum of five years supervisory experience.
- A collaborative and communicative approach to work.
Comfort working with an array of stakeholders including elected officials, residents and intergovernmental contacts.

Passion for a fast-paced, demanding and rewarding environment.

A starting salary range is $100,000 - $120,000 +/- DOQ, and an excellent benefit package is offered. Residency within the city is required within six months of date of hire.

Candidates should apply online by April 17, 2020 (Open until filled) with resume, cover letter and contact information for five work-related references to www.GovHRJobs.com to the attention of Lee Szymborski, Senior Vice President, GovHR USA, 630 Dundee Road, #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: 847-380-3240. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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