

## **Transportation Planner**

### **About the Regional Planning Commission**

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is a group of local elected officials and citizen members from eight parishes in southeast Louisiana, appointed to represent the region on multi-parish issues including the environment, transportation, and economic development. Among other things, the RPC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the New Orleans, Slidell, Mandeville-Covington, and Tangipahoa Parish urbanized areas. As the MPO, RPC guides federal transportation funding and policy in the region.

### **The Job**

We are seeking a Transportation Planner to join the RPC's professional staff. Candidates will assist senior staff in the development of federally required transportation planning documents, which will require technical research, writing, editing, communication with stakeholders, and the ability to understand and execute complex federal transportation planning and funding policy. The planner will also work on other federal and regional planning initiatives, including the U.S. Department of Energy-designated Clean Cities program (Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership), and the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. The ideal candidate must be able to work closely with the RPC team, be driven in their work and desire for advancement, and be a public-facing representative of the Commission.

### **Desired Skills**

- Knowledge of the general principles and legal framework of transportation planning and policy in the United States
- Interest in and knowledge of best practices in sustainable transportation (additional familiarity with resilience and/or environmental planning practices is preferred)
- Proficiency in the Microsoft Office suite
- At least basic proficiency in ESRI ArcGIS, and/or data formatting
- High ability and comfort level communicating with other professionals, elected officials, and the general public
- Excellent writing skills
- Demonstrated aptitude toward managing projects with multiple team members and stakeholders

### **Minimum Qualifications**

This position requires a master's degree in planning, or related field, or documentation that such a degree is imminent. Commensurate work experience may be considered.

### **Apply**

Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Jason Sappington at: [jsappington@norpc.org](mailto:jsappington@norpc.org) by 5:00 PM on 4/2/2020.

### **What We Offer**

Salary is dependent on qualifications. RPC full-time employment includes the choice of Employer/Employee Co-Pay Individual and Family Medical Insurance, Employer/Employee Co-Pay Dental and Vision Insurance, Employer paid Group Life Insurance, and Employer paid Long Term Disability coverage. In addition, employees accrue vacation time and sick leave on a biweekly basis.