



District Department of Transportation

Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer

The Government of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) is actively recruiting for the position of Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer, one of its most critical senior level positions. The Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer of the District of Columbia presents a unique opportunity. The leader serves as the chief engineer of a state DOT and a municipal DOT. The Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer will help shape the transportation system of the nation's capital for generations. The District is committed to transforming itself into a national leader in infrastructure design and planning, as well as building a more walkable, transit friendly transportation network that incorporates all modes, including automobiles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians. The District is a national leader in bike sharing, car sharing, developing partnerships to build electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and building a network of streetcar lines. The District of Columbia seeks someone who understands and possesses the capability of executing this vision. We are seeking a dynamic executive with demonstrated experience in building an organization and delivering major capital projects.

Major Duties

As a senior executive in the District government, the Chief Transportation Engineer/Project Delivery Officer has overall responsibility for the technical and administrative management of the Department of Transportation's engineering programs. He/She performs work in the areas of short and long- range planning, engineering design, testing and evaluation of equipment, materials and systems, construction inspection, and contract administration. This leader oversees the preparation of cost estimates and design specifications for District and Federal compliance. Further, this individual serves as the District's representative in various professional meetings, conferences and committees such as the American Association of State Highways and Transportation, American Public Works Association, Council of Governments, Federal City Council, and the Transportation Research Board.

Management Profile

The ideal candidate for this position will be a high energy and dynamic professional with strong management skills that reflect the highest degree of integrity and professionalism. The Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer will be a decisive and effective leader who is not intimidated by complex challenges or public scrutiny. He/She will be a mature decision maker who can serve as a stabilizing force under difficult circumstances and engender trust between staff, management and elected officials. The Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer will be confident in their own talents and will demonstrate resolve in addressing difficult situations or people. The Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer must clearly understand and appreciate the role of elected officials in decision making processes, but be confident enough in their own judgments to objectively present information in a factual and unbiased manner. The successful candidate will have strong facilitation and negotiation skills and be skilled at building consensus among a variety of divergent interests and opinions. He/She will be a team builder who is capable of fostering collaboration and cooperation through their consensus building style. The Chief Engineer/Project Delivery Officer will demonstrate advanced critical thinking skills and have extensive short and long-term strategic planning abilities. The selected individual will be results oriented and be able to establish appreciation for individual and organizational accountability. The person occupying this position must have the experience, temperament and general abilities to coordinate the work of outside consultants and contractors in a totally fair and objective manner. This position is one of public trust and there can be no question of personal integrity, ethics, or habits that could adversely affect the welfare of the employees and District government. The selected candidate will also display an unwavering commitment to equality of treatment and a commitment of diversity-based programs in all aspects of business. The candidate must also display strong dedication to municipal service and providing high quality customer service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will have highly developed knowledge of engineering; Federal and District regulations and codes and engineering standards; construction materials, methods and costs; and standards and specifications for design and construction programs. Additional requirements include an advanced degree in Civil Engineering and extensive knowledge of conducting design studies and systems analyses, planning, scheduling, and managing civil engineering projects. Strong interpersonal skills and a Professional Engineer (PE) Registration are required. Project management certification is preferred.

Application Process

Interested individuals should electronically remit a cover letter, as well as a resume to
Kenyatta L. Uzzell: DDOT_ChiefEPD@polihire.com.

Salary \$119,125 - \$166,844

This position has been designated as an essential employee position under the provisions of District Personnel Manual Chapter 12. As such, your service may be required in emergency situations to perform crucial duties, e.g. snow removal, debris removal, transportation, shelter operations, food distribution, and communication. These duties may be performed when the government is closed or when most employees are dismissed early.

This position may be subject to criminal background checks and/or driving record checks, as well as random drug and alcohol testing pursuant to DC Act 15-620.