



Job Posting – Broadband Project Manager December 6, 2023

POSITION: BROADBAND PROJECT MANAGER
DEPARTMENT: REGIONAL SERVICES
REPORTS TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
STATUS: FULL-TIME, EXEMPT EMPLOYEE
OR (OPTIONAL): FULL-TIME CONTRACT EMPLOYEE

BASIC FUNCTION: The Broadband Project Manager will work with counties, cities, schools, community organizations, state and federal agencies, current and prospective internet service providers, and others to support the construction, expansion, and improvement of broadband services throughout the Deep East Texas Region. This important position will lead our effort to establish Deep East Texas as a national model for rural broadband accessibility, affordability, and adoption.

DETCOG BROADBAND VISION STATEMENT

The vision of DETCOG is to facilitate development of a world-class telecommunications infrastructure for our region for the 21st century and beyond. Broadband is a critical service for health and safety, quality of life and economic development. Every home, business, nonprofit organization, government entity, and education institution should have the opportunity to connect affordably, easily and securely. DETCOG intends to empower its citizens, local businesses, governments and schools to be network economy producers, not just consumers of network information and data services. DETCOG is looking for innovative solutions that will provide a cost-effective and rigorous path forward to present value to potential stakeholders, and to the region as a whole.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with DETCOG's contracted grant administration firm and engineering/design firm to ensure successful implementation of current broadband projects, including a \$9 million fixed wireless project in North Newton County and a \$42 million fixed wireless project which will serve all or parts of six counties.
- Lead regional efforts and assist other organizations and businesses in the region with planning, design, funding, and implementation of broadband projects in all DETCOG counties to reach the goal of affordable and reliable broadband for every home and business in the region.
- Oversee development of a regional broadband coverage map and cooperate with federal and state agencies to ensure broadband serviceable locations throughout the region are accurately depicted on federal and state maps.
- Develop and implement regional and local plans to identify and address digital opportunity barriers that affect Deep East Texas households.
- Serve as resource person to community agencies, institutions, groups, and elected officials.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Well versed in broadband issues, with knowledge of broadband networks and networking technologies.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with community partners, local and state agencies, and elected officials at the local, state, and national level.
- Ability to engage community stakeholders and the general public to implement a comprehensive outreach strategy to communicate rural broadband initiatives and the potential impacts of broadband on individual households and communities.
- Excellent oral and written communications skills. Must be able to communicate complex technical issues to multiple levels of non-technical personnel.
- Analytical and critical thinking skills.
- GIS knowledge and experience is a plus.
- Grant writing experience is a plus.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Any combination of education, including degrees or certifications, and/or professional work experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Bachelor's degree with at least three years of professional work experience; or
- Minimum of six years of progressively responsible professional work experience may substitute for degree requirement.
- Areas of study or work experience considered to be related include Computer Science, Management Information Systems (MIS), Business Administration, Information Technology, Software Development, Systems Analysis, or Project Management.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid driver's license, proper vehicle insurance and use of vehicle to travel throughout the region.
- Flexibility in work schedule as this position will require participation in occasional afterhours events.

SALARY: \$100,000 to \$130,000 annually, depending on experience. Competitive benefits package includes health insurance, retirement plan, and other benefits.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- DETCOG is an at-will employer.
- Option for Contract Employee: As an alternative to full-time employment, DETCOG will consider requests to fill this position with a contract employee. In such case, terms of the contract are subject to negotiation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Submit completed application and resume to the DETCOG Human Resource Director by the following method:

- Email to: lsargent@detcog.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

This position is open until filled. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

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