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Exempt Recruitment Announcement: Administrator Opens: September 12, 2017 ~ Closes: October 15, 2017

The Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee, a legislative branch agency reporting to a bicameral oversight committee, is seeking an experienced **Director** who understands information technology, customer service delivery, legislative and governmental processes, budget development, data analysis and support to the Legislature. LEAP works closely with other legislative agencies, legislative fiscal committees, and Office of Financial Management to ensure that the Legislature has the most accurate, complete and comprehensive information possible in order to make strategic decisions about the fiscal course of state government. This position is exempt from civil service, serves at the pleasure of the LEAP Committee and is located in Olympia, Washington.

About the Agency

The LEAP Committee was created in 1977 to provide the Legislature an independent source of information and technology for developing budgets, communicating budget decisions and tracking budget and revenue activity.

Toward that end, LEAP staff create systems and models for use by budget writing staff; provide access to state fiscal information; administer data to support budget development and oversight; assist fiscal staff in creating publications, provide training for legislative staff and respond to requests for information and analysis.

The agency provides 24 hour, 7 day a week support to budget-writing committees during legislative sessions. The budget-writing committees use LEAP applications to support their analysis of budget requests. LEAP systems are used to record and communicate the underlying assumptions that make up proposed funding levels for each agency of state government. These same systems are used to balance and roll up the decisions for individual agencies into a composite budget and support quick turnaround as adjustments are made. Reporting systems from the agency are used by the legislature to compare different versions of the budget and to negotiate the final budget. LEAP is a bipartisan committee comprised of four members of the Senate and four members of the House with a staff of 10 and a budget of \$4.8 million for the 2017-19 biennium. For more information regarding LEAP, please visit: <http://leap.leg.wa.gov>.

About the Administrator

The Administrator serves as the director for the LEAP Committee and as the agency's operating officer, supervising and directing staff with responsibility for ensuring that the Legislature is provided with the best possible information and technology for developing budgets, communicating budget decisions and overseeing budget execution.

The Administrator is responsible for:

- Assuring the integrity of data provided to support budget development and oversight
- Developing and modifying budget systems and models necessary for legislative budget development
- Developing, maintaining and enhancing reporting systems for analyzing fiscal information and for communicating budget decisions
- Creating a collaborative work environment that maximizes staff capacity and promotes growth
- Recommending changes to executive accounting and reporting systems to produce fiscal information required by the legislature
- Working with the Committee Members initiating cross-agency and cross-governmental projects to promote information access, credibility and relevance

About This Recruitment

The LEAP Committee is seeking someone to serve as the State of Washington's next LEAP Administrator. The Committee is interested in an experienced professional with a proactive, creative, flexible, service-oriented approach in their daily work; a demonstrated ability to deal effectively with the fast-paced, high-pressure legislative environment; and a proven commitment to providing nonpartisan and confidential services to legislators, legislative staff, state agencies, special interest groups and the public.

Qualifications

- Experience in planning, developing and overseeing complex IT systems used in financial analyses and budget development
- High level interpersonal and communication skills and demonstrated ability to successfully communicate complex policy, planning and service issues to both legislative and executive branch officials
- A Bachelor's or Master's degree in information technology, business or public administration, government or other relevant field of study
- Experience in successfully recruiting, retaining and coaching highly skilled and talented professional staff

- Demonstrated senior leadership level experience within the legislative, executive or judicial branches of government
- Experience working directly with diverse constituencies such as legislators, legislative committees and staff, state and local government agencies, public policy interest groups and citizens

Compensation

The Administrator reports to and serves at the pleasure of the LEAP Committee. Annual compensation ranges from \$125,000 to \$140,000 annually, depending on qualifications. LEAP offers a generous benefits package including medical, dental, retirement, life and disability insurance, optional deferred compensation, and paid holidays as well as vacation and sick leave.

How to Apply

Please submit the following materials by October 15, 2017:

- A letter of interest addressing the position's qualifications and your knowledge, skills, and abilities, no more than two pages in length
- A current resume detailing your experience and/or education, no more than two pages in length
- A list of at least three professional references, including one supervisor, with name, and current telephone numbers and email addresses

Send to:

Kristin Collins
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Legislative Support Services

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All application materials should be submitted via email with attachments in .pdf format.

The Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee is an equal opportunity employer. The agency values a working environment that includes and respects cultural, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity diversity. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, persons over 40 years of age, disabled and Vietnam era veterans and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are encouraged to apply. Persons needing accommodation in the application process or this announcement in an alternative format may contact Kristin Collins, in the human resources office at (360) 786-7337, or e-mail Kristin.Collins@leg.wa.gov.