

PLANNER/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

An Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer

Opening Date: September 15, 2011 **Closing Date:** October 24, 2011

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Description: The Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG) is seeking an experienced Planner/Community Development Specialist to become a member of a team of planning and economic development professionals. The successful candidate will be a highly motivated individual with experience working with municipalities and regional agencies in the areas of economic and community development planning, regional transportation planning, and preparation of Comprehensive Plans for municipalities.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in Planning or related field plus five years experience or, Masters Degree in Planning or related field preferred with 2 years of experience. Understanding of principles of land use planning; computer literacy and GIS skills; ability to work as a team member; ability to communicate well orally and in writing; strong self motivation, organizational and time management skills; passion for rural New England; understanding of cultural and political framework for municipal decision-making; and ability to work productively with members of the public. Position requires extensive travel throughout Washington County. Must be prepared to work evenings, own a reliable personal vehicle and possess a valid Maine driver's license. Certified CDBG Administrator preferred but not required. Experience with planning for Scenic Byways and/or tourism planning a significant asset.

Additional information: The WCCOG is a small regional planning agency serving the municipalities and unorganized territories of Washington County in Downeast Maine. There is currently one staff person and limited administrative support provided by the Sunrise County Economic Council. The candidate can be located in the Calais office of WCCOG. Alternatively, the successful candidate could be located in another service center of the county (eg. Machias, Eastport, Milbridge) to provide geographic range in the delivery of WCCOG services and/or to accommodate the housing needs of the successful candidate. Please refer to the websites of the WCCOG www.wccog.net and the Sunrise County Economic Council www.sunrisecounty.org for more information on the range and potential scope of activities and responsibilities.

How to Apply: Provide a cover letter, resume and writing sample by the closing date to:
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Electronic submissions strongly preferred.