EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin County Development Council is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of Executive Director. The Franklin County Development Council is a public/private based non-profit organization serving as the primary economic development organization for Franklin County, Kansas.

Franklin County is a growing semi-rural county of approximately 26,000 people located on the Southwestern edge of the Kansas City metro region. The region is the home to a variety of economic development drivers including direct access to Interstate 35/NAFTA trade corridor, close proximity to BNSF’s intermodal facility in Edgerton, Kansas, and an hour access to the Kansas City International Airport. Franklin County is also home to Proximity Park, a 320 acre business/industrial park located immediately adjacent to Interstate 35 on the south side of Ottawa, Kansas.

The ideal candidate for this position would have at least 5 years economic development and management experience with the similar organizations. Experience in public industrial land development and public-private land development projects preferred. Bachelor’s degree in a business administration, economic development, marketing, public administration, finance, business consulting, community development, planning or public administration or a related field from an accredited university preferred. Formal economic development training (OU EDI/IEDC) are preferred.

Candidate should also possess the following skillsets:

- Ability to manage complex public/private relationships including relationships with valued local, state and regional economic development organizations;
- Proven experience managing large scale economic development projects including all facets of business location and business expansion projects;
- Experience providing business retention and expansion services at the local level;
- Experience providing staff management for economic development boards;
- Budgeting and non-profit management expertise;
- Excellent communication and presentation skills;
- Experience providing economic development leadership to elected bodies and public officials;
- Willingness to serve as a team member in community based economic development projects.

To apply for this position, send cover letter with salary history, resume, and three professional references to Economic Development Director Recruitment, Attn: Human Resources, 1428 S. Main St, Suite 2 Ottawa, Kansas 66067 or via e-mail at humanresources@franklincoks.org. Full job description available upon request.

For additional information, please visit the Franklin County Development Council website at www.ThinkFranklinCo.org.