

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
SUWANNEE COUNTY**

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is currently seeking applicants for an Economic Development Director position. The Suwannee County Economic Development (ED) Department is a public agency that works to sustain, strengthen, and broaden the City and County's economic base through business entrepreneurship, expansion, retention, and recruitment programs. The ED office assists with site selection and relocation support, helps to establish financing and incentive programs, and serves as a networking hub by connecting potential clients, partners and funders with local public and private leaders. The ED office serves as an information resource by attending trade and industry events, publicizing business achievements, and by providing a variety of data to Suwannee County and the State of Florida. The office also serves as a liaison between the business community and City and County staff to discuss and help expedite projects and troubleshoot issues. This position, accompanied with the Tourist Development Council, will also be supervising the Suwannee County Office of Tourist Development, responsible for promoting Suwannee County's economic development through tourism.

The Board of County Commissioners seeks an individual with a high level of enthusiasm, charisma and confidence to work with senior executives of the largest companies in the country, or ready to roll up their sleeves to assist a local entrepreneur. Candidates with exceptional marketing and writing skills, experience working in a public or private corporate environment, and the desire to work collaboratively will have an advantage. The Board also desires candidates who are visionary, innovative and team-oriented in their approach, and able to employ a style that engenders mutual trust and openness with community partners and stakeholders. Candidates who understand how the development process works, are knowledgeable about a variety of economic development best practices, and who can articulate the Suwannee County "advantage" will receive strong consideration for this premier position.

Candidates must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Business, Public Administration, Economic Development, Marketing or any equivalent combination of training and experience related to the field. At least five years of progressively responsible experience in a management level position, with at least three years of executive level responsibility in business or economic development is a prerequisite to be considered for this position. The ideal candidate must have a proven track record in senior level supervisory and economic development leadership roles with a focus on driving innovation, crafting strategic plans, successful management of financial operations, and setting realistic goals and timelines. CEcD certification is desired, but not required.

Salary range is \$65,000 - \$85,000 depending on qualifications and experience. **Deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, October 24, 2018.** Applications are available online at [suwcounty.org](http://suwcounty.org), at the Building Department, 224 Pine Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064, telephone (386) 364-3407, or the Administration Office, 13150 80<sup>th</sup> Terrace Live Oak, FL 32060, telephone (386) 364-3400. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, marital status or genetics. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. Failure to successfully test free of illegal or controlled drugs will result in non-employment of the applicant for a minimum of 1 year.

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