

SEWARD, ALASKA CITY MANAGER

Seward, Alaska (2,693) Beautiful and dynamic Seward, situated at the head of Resurrection Bay on the Kenai Peninsula, seeks a strong, collaborative and visionary leader to become its next City Manager. Founded in 1903 as the ocean terminus of what is now the Alaska Railroad, Seward is not only known for its natural beauty but also as Alaska's only deep-water ice-free port with rail, highway and air transportation to Alaska's interior and major urban population centers. This strategically positions Seward for Pacific Rim maritime commerce.

Seward is a progressive community with a year-round population of just under 3,000, an extraterritorial population of similar size that is served by Seward's electric utility and is active in the community, and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000, supplemented by arrival of two to three cruise ships per week during the season. Seward's citizens distinguish themselves through volunteerism and civic pride and involvement.

The operations of the City of Seward are complex and broad in scope, including utilities, harbors and ownership of health care facilities. Exciting challenges and opportunities to partner with other entities, improve service delivery, and enhance the quality and performance of the municipal organization await the next City Manager. The City Council seeks candidates who will exhibit a welcoming and collaborative approach with all constituencies. This is truly an outstanding and unique career opportunity for an experienced, well-rounded and professional municipal manager. Seward is presently served by an Interim City Manager who will not be a candidate for the City Manager position.

The successful candidate will, without limitation, have the following qualifications and experience:

- Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration or related field. Graduate degree in public administration or related field preferred.
- Seven (7) years progressively responsible experience in council/manager municipal government, with five (5) years at a management level. Experience as a city manager, assistant city manager, or other executive level position preferred. Rural community and Alaska experience a plus.
- Strong experience in budgeting and financial planning, utility management, public works, project management, human resources and employee relations, community development and economic development highly desirable.
- Strong leadership, interpersonal, communication and team-building skills essential.
- Knowledge and experience in emergency management, health care, environmental sustainability, renewable energy, maritime law and marine operations desirable.

Starting salary \$125,000 +/- DOQ/E. Competitive benefits package including participation in the Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). Alaska does not have a state income tax.

Apply online with resume, cover letter and contact information for five (5) work-related references to Stephen Veitch, Vice President, GovHR USA at www.GovHRJobs.com. The recruitment for this position will remain open until the position is filled, with a first review of resumes on February 18, 2019.

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