



## Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

### CHIEF KNOWLEDGE OFFICER (CKO)

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas was formed on October 1, 1997 based on a citizen vote to consolidate the operations of the City of Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County, Kansas. Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is located at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers and at the crossroads of two transcontinental interstate highways. Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is home to the NASCAR Kansas Speedway, Sporting KC Major League Soccer Team, T-Bones Minor League Baseball Team and two new office towers for the Cerner Corporation. Adjacent to these venues, Village West development brought retail and entertainment featuring Cabela's, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Great Wolf Lodge, Phoenix Legends 14 Movie Theatre and a host of other establishments. Outside western Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas is home of two large railroad-switching yards and several truck freight companies. Within other geographical areas in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is the University of Kansas Medical Center which has earned the National Cancer Institute designation and a state of the art General Motors facility. Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas has an estimated population of 160,384 citizens and it covers 155.7 square miles.

This position is an executive director level position reporting directly to an Assistant County Administrator. This position is responsible for establishing, implementing and reinforcing a culture of innovation and collaboration throughout the organization under the guidance of the County Administrator and the County Administration Office. The CKO will assist the organization with data-driven decision making, continuous improvement of business processes, implementation of programs and policies that drive the organization toward increased efficiency, effectiveness and transparency. The CKO will be a facilitative leader with proven ability to work with internal and external partners to ensure the goals of open governance are met; working toward 24-hour accessibility to information needed by constituents. The CKO will also have the skills to assist departments with generating ideas, implementing operational efficiencies and bridging information gaps to allow success. The CKO must be constantly devoted to understanding best practices for local governance. Evaluation and identifying the competencies needed by staff to ensure the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is utilizing the increasing availability of digital data to analyze problems, assess solutions and meet the needs of its constituents. Direct management and oversight for several UG departments/divisions to include Information Technology, GIS Mapping, 311 Operations, and Open Data. Position will also be responsible for developing on-going forums, processes, evaluate existing technologies, and provide training to staff of the UG related to identified competencies and best practices.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in a related field and ten years of progressively responsible administrative experience in a public agency, work experience that demonstrates organizational development, creative leadership and change management skills. Proven successful implementation of a continuous improvement process; oversight of complete process from metric creation, data collection/analysis preferred. Strong business knowledge, understanding of a variety of business practices and familiarity with local government environment. Strong analytical skills, problem determination/resolution experience. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with multiple stakeholders, regular attendance and availability to respond to emergent and time-sensitive situations is essential with the ability to work nights, weekends and holidays. Ability to work in partnership with Unified Government departments, administration and elected officials to develop and implement Open Data initiatives, develop a team approach for implementing innovation projects.

The Unified Government offers a comprehensive salary and benefits package. Resident of Wyandotte County or willing to relocate within 12 months of hire date. Approximate starting salary: \$91,000 - \$109,000 DOQ

Applications / Resumes submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, July 29, 2015  
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