

Inviting Applications for: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Development Authority of Wilkinson County



About the Position

Wilkinson County: Road, Rails, Industry

The Development Authority of Wilkinson County, Georgia is seeking a highly qualified candidate with both a technical expertise and passion for community-centered innovation to serve as its Executive Director. Known for its excellent hunting land and its scenic rolling hills in the heart of kaolin country, Wilkinson County is unique in its rural character and down-home atmosphere. The county has approximately 8,000 residents and proximity to major population centers in Macon, Dublin, and Robins Air Force Base in Houston County, inviting diverse opportunities along the county's multiple connecting freeways.

With six industrial parks and 300 acres of land available for new business developments, Wilkinson County contributes to a Georgia economy ranked #1 for business for the past nine years. As a Certified Work Ready Community, Wilkinson County has long-standing ties to the manufacturing industry and a strong business network.

The Development Authority of Wilkinson County was established by the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners in 1968 to encourage economic activity in and adjacent to the County, strengthen the tax base, provide employment for residents, and raise the standard of living and quality of life. The Executive Director will represent the DAWC to community and economic interests, supporting a growing job market and opportunities for entrepreneurial investment.

Responsibilities

The ideal candidate for the Executive Director position has comprehensive knowledge of economic development strategies, land use, business trends, and community services. A successful candidate will value community needs and have excellent leadership skills necessary to build networks in diverse economic settings.

Along with these responsibilities, the Executive Director will partner with the Wilkinson County School System, the Oconee Fall Line Technical College, and other local and regional organizations on workforce development issues. Special responsibilities include grant applications, website and social media management, organizing regular public meetings, event coordination and database preparation.

Application Information

Minimum Qualifications

The Executive Director for the Development Authority should possess a level of competency commonly associated with the completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Business or Public Administration, Economic Development, Marketing, or a closely related field. Progressively responsible experience in community and economic development or other closely related sectors of work may be substitutable for higher education.

Compensation and Benefits

Salary for this position is commensurate with qualifications and experience with a range of \$50,000-\$70,000. The County offers a comprehensive benefits package, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance along with a retirement plan and pension program.

How to Apply

The Middle Georgia Regional Commission will be receiving all application materials and will conduct the initial screening for this position. Applications must be submitted **no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, November 22, 2024** to be considered in the first review of applications. To be considered for this position, interested candidates should submit by email a cover letter, resume, at least three job-related references (with email and phone numbers), as well as salary history to wilkinsonrecruit@mg-rc.org with the subject line "Development Authority". Please contact the Middle Georgia Regional Commission with any questions at wilkinsonrecruit@mg-rc.org regarding the position.

Wilkinson County reserves the right to reject any and all applications received, including applications received after the due date and time. Wilkinson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.