CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (CFO)

Organization/Position Description: The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS is a combined city-county government formed in 1997 by a vote of the citizens. The governing body of the Unified Government is the Mayor/CEO, 2 At-large Commissioners and 8 District Commissioners. The County Administrator is appointed by the Mayor/CEO and is responsible for all day to day operations of the organization. The Unified Government Budget is $323,879,585 and consists of a variety of funds including City General ($148m), County General ($55m), Sewer System ($36m), Bond and Interest-City ($29m), Consolidated Parks ($6m).

This position is an executive director level position reporting directly to the County Administrator. The Unified Government’s Finance Department operates with an annual budget of $4.7 million and is responsible for all financial transactions on behalf of the organization. Functions included in the Finance Department are Treasury, Motor Vehicle Registration, Research, Budget, Payroll and Accounting.

Experience and Skills: The CFO is responsible for planning, organizing and directing long and short range strategic financial planning, tax and revenue policy development and revenue collection, investment monitoring and performance, financial accounting and reporting, purchasing, payroll, debt issuance and management for the UG and our publically owned utility the Board of Public Utilities, audit compliance and implementation of effective internal control systems. Successful candidates will have a proven ability to develop and maintain good public relations with the Mayor, Commission, UG Department Heads and other elected and appointed officials. The CFO will serve as a “hands-on” executive director establishing clear objectives for the Finance Department staff and display critical thinking and analytical skills. Successful candidates will also have a team oriented character able to motivate staff to reach higher levels of performance through personal effort and example.

Minimum Qualifications: A Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in business, accounting, finance, economics, public administration or related field is required. A Master’s Degree in Public or Business Administration is preferred with strong experience in local government finance. A minimum of ten (10) years of progressively responsible local, state and federal government or private sector experience in accounting, finance or auditing is also preferred.

Compensation and Benefits: The Unified Government offers a comprehensive salary and benefits package. Successful candidates must be a resident of Wyandotte County or willing to relocate within 12 months of hire date. The salary range for the position is negotiable from $110,000 - $140,000.

Applications / Resumes submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, November 4, 2015
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Community Profile

While many cities are known for their expanding skylines, action-packed nightlife, and bustling communities, Kansas City, Kansas has all of that incorporated into a small, diverse, and family oriented community. It has some of the big city amenities with a small town down-home appeal.

Kansas City, Kansas is the third largest city in the state of Kansas and is the county seat of Wyandotte County. The City and County have seen tremendous growth in economic development over the past 20 years and the success continues to breed even more success for our community.

Wyandotte County citizens set the stage for today’s economic development successes in 1997 when they overwhelmingly agreed to consolidate the county government and City of Kansas City, Kansas government. The community was suffering from years of economic hardships and decline. Citizens were ready for a rebirth. The new form of government was the beginning of the landmark renaissance in the community.

The fresh political dynamic created by consolidation allowed the community to take new, bold approaches to many issues, including economic development. Soon after the Unified Government was launched, the economic development opportunity of a lifetime landed in Wyandotte County. The Kansas Speedway and Village West developments are the most successful economic developments ever built in the State of Kansas, turning mostly undeveloped land into one of the most popular tourist, shopping and entertainment attractions in the Midwest.

**Village West**

- Kansas Speedway
- The Legends Outlets at Village West
- Nebraska Furniture Mart
- Cabela's

**Village West** has 114 businesses, including 28 restaurants. Those businesses employ nearly 5,700 people, jobs which just five years ago did not exist. They generated over $610 million in retail sales producing $41 million in local and state sales tax collections. The current real and personal property taxes levied on Village West are just over $11 million. Before the development was built, that same land area produced only $209,000 in annual property taxes.

Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor waterpark resort, was the first hotel. Other Village West hotels soon followed, including Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Country Inn and Chateau Avalon. Chateau Avalon is a unique hotel where every room is decorated in a different destination theme. It has been acknowledged by Expedia.com as among the top one percent of hotels worldwide. Construction is currently underway on a new Marriott Residence Inn.

The synergy generated by the Kansas Speedway and Village West is also creating new destination tourism attractions. The Schlitterbahn Vacation Village Resort opened in 2009 and continues to expand. It is slated to be a $750 million water park, retail shopping and dining destination. Nearly $200 million in private funds had been invested before a dime of STAR Bond dollars were even issued. Schlitterbahn employs approximately 300 workers during the summer season.

Recent successes include a $400 million deal to bring a major expansion of the Cerner Corporation and an 18,000 seat multipurpose soccer stadium for the Sporting Club, Kansas City’s Major League Soccer team, to Village West and a $386 million Hollywood Casino to Kansas Speedway.
Success Breeds Success

The Cerner Corporation/Sporting Kansas City brings 4,000 new high-paying healthcare technology jobs to the State of Kansas;

- Creates several thousand additional jobs connected with the sports stadium and spin-off employment
- Contributes to the States goal of becoming a national leader in the healthcare field
- Creates educational and job opportunities for Wyandotte County students
- Brings Kansas its first and only major league sports franchise

This continued success and established track record is what attracted Google to Kansas City. On Wednesday, March 30th, 2010, Google announced its selection of Kansas City, Kansas, as the location for its ultra-high-speed fiber project. Kansas City was the first city out of 1,100 applicants to be selected for this unique and innovative partnership.

Other highlights include high rankings for job creation and being known as a business friendly city. Sara Lee Corp, General Motors and Kellogg’s are just a few of the nation’s leading and innovative companies that have chosen Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County as their home.

Kansas City has four school districts that provide services to public and private students living in Wyandotte County. The Kansas City, Kansas Schools is the largest school district and consists of 49 schools. In 2012, KCK was named one of America’s Promise Alliance’s 100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING.

Regardless of your interests – history, concerts, family fun or dozens of other activities – Kansas City, Kansas provides access to a huge variety of fun and fascinating attractions. For more information about Kansas City, Kansas, visit the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce or the KCK Convention & Visitors Bureau websites.