City of Centralia, Illinois
City Manager

Centralia, IL (pop. 13,000). The City of Centralia is seeking a talented, energetic and resourceful professional to become its next City Manager. The current City Manager is retiring after 8 years in the position.

Centralia is a vibrant and growing community in south central Illinois located 60 miles east of St. Louis. The community serves as a hub for commerce, recreation and culture for a multi-county region. Centralia has a robust business community with a strong retail sector and a number of a stable, mid-sized employers that underpin a diverse and resilient local economy.

The municipal government operates under the Council/Manager form. The City Manager is appointed by a five-member City Council consisting of the Mayor and four City Council Members all of which are elected at-large to four year overlapping terms. The City Manager is given broad authority to manage the day to day affairs of the City with full appointment and oversight authority for all department heads.

Centralia has an annual operating budget of $27 million with 97 full-time employees. The City provides a full complement of municipal services including police, fire, public works, water, sewer and recreation.

The Mayor and Council are seeking candidates for the position who are:

- Personable, approachable, good communicators and who intend to play an active role in the community.
- They are looking to attract candidates with skills and experience in municipal financial management and budgeting, economic development, and human resource management including collective bargaining.
- The new City Manager will need to possess strong leadership skills with the ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with the elected officials, staff and the members of the community.
- The Council is also seeking a City Manager who is results-oriented and one who can effectively approach both challenges and opportunities with both creativity and common-sense.
- Strong oral and written communication skills are essential.
- The most desirable applicants will have, at a minimum, a bachelor’s degree in public administration, public policy, business administration or a related field, and five-years of responsible local government management experience. The ideal applicant will have an MPA degree and experience as a City Manager/Administrator or as an Assistant City Manager/Administrator.

The starting base salary range is $120,000 - $135,000 DOQ/E. To qualify for the upper end of the starting range, a candidate would have to exceed all minimum requirements for the position and possess a considerable track record of successful municipal management experience. In addition to the base salary, the City offers a liberal fringe benefits package including a monthly auto allowance. Residency is required within six months of employment.

To apply for this position, please apply electronically with a resume, cover letter, and contact information for five professional references by February 28, 2020 at www.GovHRJobs.com to the attention of Mark R. Peterson, Vice President, GovHR USA, 630 Dundee Road, #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Please direct all inquiries about the position and/or the selection process to Mr. Peterson at (309) 825-5091 or at mpeterson@govhrusa.com. It is the intent of the City of Centralia to keep all applications confidential until the position is filled.

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