Des Moines Water Works – Director of Water Production

Situated at the confluence of the Raccoon and Des Moines rivers and encompassing more than 90 square miles, Des Moines is the capital of Iowa and its most populous city, with a population of 217,000. It’s also the core of one of the fastest growing metro areas in the Midwest. According to the U.S. Census, in 2018 the Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) grew by 10,309 residents to a total of 655,409. By percentage, the city is growing faster than its Midwest peers, including Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and St. Louis.

The Director of Water Production plans and directs the operation, maintenance, and laboratory functions associated with a treatment system consisting of multiple surface water treatment plants, and numerous remote pumping and storage facilities. The ideal candidate will possess a combination of expertise in water treatment operations management and exceptional leadership skills in building and motivating a team to meet and exceed high standards for service, efficiency, and accountability. The successful candidate will be a strategic thinker and creative problem solver with the ability to identify objectives, determine plans to meet those objectives, and help lead the department in achieving them.

The Director of Water Production position requires a bachelor’s of science degree in civil, environmental, structural, electrical, mechanical, or chemical engineering from an accredited college or university. A master’s degree in a related engineering field or an advanced degree in environmental engineering is preferred. Registration as a professional engineer in the State of Iowa or the ability to acquire a P.E. in Iowa is also preferred.

At least six years of experience in water utility operations, making daily operational decisions in a Grade IV water treatment plant, including a minimum of three years of supervisory/management experience is required. Public sector experience working with Boards, City Councils, and public employee unions is highly desired. The successful candidate must hold a State of Iowa Grade IV Water Treatment Operator’s Certificate or have the ability to attain the certificate within two years. A State of Iowa Grade II Distribution System Operator license and/or a State of Iowa Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grade II License is preferred. A valid Iowa driver’s license, or the ability to obtain one within 30 days of hire, and a good driving record is required.

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