

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DAKOTA COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

This is an exceptional opportunity for a seasoned professional to provide on-going transformational leadership and management to a multi-jurisdictional, consolidated, public safety communications center.

The current Executive Director has announced her retirement effective May 31, 2016. She has been with the Dakota Communications Center since its creation and will be leaving a six year legacy of very successful leadership for the organization as its Executive Director. The next Executive Director will be instrumental in building on this legacy and assisting the DCC continue to evolve as a mature, anticipatory, and professional organization.

Dakota County is the third largest in Minnesota and one of nine counties included in the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board's area of responsibility. The cities and county have a strong tradition of collaboration throughout the region that has produced a high quality lifestyle with an excellent system of schools, libraries, public services, and a vibrant business climate. Residents and visitors to the cities and county enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities available in abundant sports facilities, golf courses and beautiful county and regional parks. In 2013, 93% of Dakota County residents said the quality of life was excellent or good.

The DCC was established in late 2005 through a Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County and eleven cities located within the County. DCC members include Dakota County and the cities of: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul and West St. Paul. The DCC has 66 employees, 61 of which are in dispatch operations. The 2015 operating budget is approximately \$ 8.6 million.

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in Public Administration, Business Administration, Information Systems Management, Criminal Justice, Emergency Management or a closely related field and possess five years of progressively responsible supervisory experience in a government public safety environment.

Desirable qualifications include a Master's degree in one of these same fields; advanced training and/or certification in public safety, technology or related fields; five years of director level experience in a large, governmentally- operated, public safety communications organization; and experience working for a joint powers or similar type of organization.

The starting salary is expected to be in the range of \$90,000 to \$146,000 per annum. The DCC also offers an excellent fringe benefits package.

The position profile is available at www.mercergroupinc.com. Send letter of interest and resume to jf_miller@outlook.com by July 1, 2016. *EOE*

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