



REGIONAL ECONOMIST

Location:	Chesapeake, VA – Hampton Roads (Southeastern Virginia)
Classification:	Full-time, 40 hours per week; FLSA Exempt status
Salary:	Salary Commensurate with Education & Experience; Full Benefits
Closing Date:	Open until filled

About the HRPDC

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), one of 21 Planning District Commissions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a regional organization representing this area's seventeen local governments. The purpose of planning district commissions, as set out in the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-4207 is *...to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance*. The HRPDC serves as a resource of technical expertise to its member local governments. It provides assistance on local and regional issues pertaining to Economics, Emergency Management, Housing, Planning, and Water Resources, and provides a robust education and outreach program through its Communications department. The HRPDC staff also serves as the support staff for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), which is responsible for transportation planning and decision-making in the region. The HRPDC is an equal opportunity employer. For more information on the HRPDC, visit www.hrpdcva.gov.

The Position

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is seeking a candidate for the position of Regional Economist. The successful candidate will have a strong background in economics with general knowledge of econometrics, input-output analysis and the ability to develop research methodologies. Applicant must be able to collect and analyze economic data, prepare analytical reports and findings and develop and prepare programs and policies to aid decision makers on issues of regional importance. The position requires research and analytical skills to prepare short and long range forecasts of the region's economy as well as forecasts for major industries with ability to effectively communicate findings to a variety of audiences. Regular attendance is an essential function of this position. Qualified applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

The Candidate

The ideal candidate will have:

- Ability to collect and analyze regional economic data in order to prepare and present technical reports and effectively communicate concepts orally and in writing.
- Ability to prepare regional economic methodologies using economic and multivariate statistical techniques.
- Strong computer skills and proficiency in database and statistical software.
- Ability to develop research methodologies, collect and analyze data and develop short and long-range plans.
- Some knowledge of the operation of local governments in the region and their special economic challenges and needs.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills to present economic information, analysis and concepts to HRPDC Board, regional organizations, local governments, the business community and the general public.
- General knowledge of theories, principles & techniques of regional economics, econometrics and input-output analysis.
- Ability to conduct oneself in a professional manner and work cooperatively with co-workers and supervisors and be appropriately respectful of the rights of others in the workplace.
- Ability to work well with stakeholders, planning professionals and agency staff to develop positive, successful working relationships.
- Ability to work under stressful conditions and appropriately manage time to meet deadlines; strong attention to detail, follow-through and organization.

Education & Experience

- Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Planning or related field from an accredited college or university.
- Bachelor's degree in an area listed above with 2 - 5 years of relevant professional experience will be considered in lieu of a Master's degree.
- Ideal candidate will have experience in economic analysis.



To Apply

- To be considered, applicants must submit a letter of interest and resume to Kelli Arledge, Human Resources Administrator, at karledge@hrpdcva.gov, or mail documents to:

Kelli E. Arledge
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HRPDC
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About Hampton Roads

The Hampton Roads area is located in southeastern Virginia where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Chesapeake Bay. The region's land area covers approximately 2,907 square miles and includes an extensive system of waterways including the Intercoastal Waterway and the James, York, Nansemond and Elizabeth Rivers. Hampton Roads is rich in cultural treasures, reflecting the diversity of its communities and a variety of annual festivals celebrate the heritage of the region. History, music, drama, and art can also be found in a multitude of theaters and museums in the area. Norfolk is recognized as the Arts capital of Virginia, and is the home city for the Virginia Symphony, Virginia Ballet, Virginia Opera and the Commonwealth Theatre Company. The NorVa Theater, a downtown concert venue, offers concerts featuring national touring acts and well-known artists. The City of Virginia Beach is the number one vacation destination in Virginia. The City's three-mile boardwalk is only part of what makes the City so attractive to locals and visitors alike. From Croatan Beach to the south all the way to the North End beaches of the City, Virginia Beach reveals its vibrancy and laid back beach vibe, all wrapped up in a sprawling, park-like setting. The Mariner's Museum in Newport News is one of the most famous and complete maritime museums in the world. Also located in Newport News is the Virginia War Museum, featuring the largest collection of war relics and historical records in the United States. Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, is located on the downtown Norfolk waterfront and is home to the Battleship Wisconsin. Williamsburg and James City County offer a wide range of activities and historic destinations; whether it is Williamsburg and the Colonial Capital or Busch Gardens Amusement park. Facilities located along the James and York Rivers offer a variety of activities that include boating, fishing, camping, biking, and tennis. Washington, D.C. is 200 miles to the north, and Richmond, the state capital, is located 100 miles to the west.

Benefits

The HRPDC provides a complete package of benefits as part of your compensation package. Benefits for full-time employees include:

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- Life Insurance
- Virginia Retirement System with Associated Benefits
- Paid Time Off
- Paid Holidays
- Family Medical Leave
- Bereavement Leave
- Civil Leave
- Military Leave
- Flexible Work Schedules
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Professional Development Opportunities