Assistant Director of IT/Chesapeake Connects Administrator

Are you a high-energy and results-focused professional with an entrepreneurial spirit? Are you interested in serving your community as the first business and operations manager for Chesapeake Connects, the City’s next generation fiber and wireless network? Chesapeake Connects is a 170-mile fiber network that will begin construction in Summer 2022. The Chesapeake Connects Administrator will lead a team of six and will oversee and coordinate activities of the “Chesapeake Connects” network within the Department of Information Technology.

The ideal candidate has strong understanding and belief in the potential of municipally supported and run networks to champion a long-term vision for a local fiber network. The right candidate will have a mixture of technical acumen to guide the day-to-day operations of the network, and long-term strategic thinking to drive a vision for Chesapeake Connects. The desired candidate has an entrepreneurial spirit required to create a network that drives economic development and value for the municipality.

The role will include driving the long-term vision of the fiber network, overseeing day to day operations, and creating and executing a roadmap to successfully provide network access for the municipality as well as simultaneously driving and supporting local economic development.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Requires any combination of education and experience equivalent to a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Information Services, Public Administration, or a related field. Eight years of related experience with complex projects, broadband system operations, network implementations, and managing budgets; including 5 years of progressively responsible leadership experience. Experience with sales, fiber optic backbone management, telecom industry and wireless overlay networks, project management, and/or product management experience preferred.

**SALARY:** Hiring salary $100,000-$115,000 +/- DOQ/E

**TO APPLY:** For complete job description and to apply, visit [https://jobs.cityofchesapeake.net/postings/7510](https://jobs.cityofchesapeake.net/postings/7510)

Complete online application and attach a cover letter and resume. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply immediately. Position is open until filled; first review of applications is July 25, 2022.