**League Requests Proposals for Strategic Planning Consultant**

The League is soliciting proposals for a consultant to assist with all or parts of the upcoming strategic planning process. The League Governing Body has established a strategic planning process for the organization that includes a survey of the League membership, regional meetings and focus groups, and a presentation at the League Annual Conference. It is the intention of the League to engage a consultant for part or all the steps in the strategic planning process.

After a review of the proposals that are submitted, the League Governing Body will select a consultant. The final budget, which will be approved by the League Governing Body will determine whether to proceed with a consultant for all steps in the planning process or select individual portions of the process wherein a facilitator will be used. To see the full RFP, click [here](#).

**League Looks to Hire Executive Director**

The League Governing Body at its October 8, 2022 Board meeting hired Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to assist in the search for a new Executive Director. League President Dave McDaniel (Mayor, Ellis) appointed a seven-member search committee to help facilitate the early parts of the search on behalf of the Governing Body. Serving on the Search Committee is Dave McDaniel, Mayor, Ellis; J. Michael Wilkes, City Manager, Olathe; Mike Hoheisel, Councilmember, Wichita; Amy Lange, City Manager, Concordia; Michael Boehm, Mayor, Lenexa; Troy Tabor, Councilmember, Andover, and Christy Pyatt, City Clerk, Greensburg. Applications for the position are now being accepted until December 14, 2022. Specifics on the position posting are available [here](#) and below:

The League of Kansas Municipalities seeks a personable, innovative, and strong leader to serve as its next Executive Director. The ideal candidate should be experienced in lobbying and using a non-partisan approach to bring people together on issues. A bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, political science, or a related field, and at least five years' experience in public policy administration and/or a combination of business and public administration, is required. A demonstrated ability to lead an organization in similar size and nature and firsthand senior management experience in local government, or a very strong understanding of municipal government, is required. Knowledge of the legislative process is a must, and a legal background or knowledge of governmental law would be helpful. A master’s degree is preferred. A connection to Kansas would be a plus. Must be willing to travel around the state to engage with all members. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Residency within Kansas is required. For more information on this position contact: Mark McDaniel, Sr. Vice President, Strategic Government Resources, 817-773-6558.
2023 Tax Rate Survey Is Live

The League’s 2023 Tax Rate Survey is live and has been distributed to cities! We are looking for responses by Wednesday, November 30th.

The Tax Rate Book is published annually in the March Kansas Government Journal. The book is structured to illustrate tax rates and fiscal data from each of the three classes of cities and then moves on to highlight tax rates from counties, unified school districts and community colleges. The data collected includes, but is not limited to: assessed valuation, bonds, temporary notes, no-fund warrants, and mills levied by each taxing subdivision. The criteria for the data collected provides a well-rounded perspective as to how individual cities, counties, and unified school districts are assessing taxes. Contact Brady Fisher, Management Intern, if you have questions. You should have an email with instructions.

Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG) Seminars

Each KMAAG presentation will talk about cities, counties, schools, and other governments. Since the Loyd Group has not conducted these KMAAG Seminars for almost three years, they are going to cover all entities in a combined session at each site across Kansas. This will still allow each government entity the attention they deserve while also having a general understanding of all government entities across Kansas. This one-day event qualifies those in attendance for 8 CPE units. Register here.

Tuesday, November 29: Hays
Tuesday, December 1: Dodge City
Tuesday, December 6: Topeka

Submit for Thriving Communities Program By 12/6

Need transportation help? Submit your interest for new Thriving Communities Program. In a nutshell:

1. Thriving Communities will select 30+ lucky cities who submit a simple “letter of interest” by 12/6 to receive technical assistance and support from local and national entities that can expedite their transportation visions into reality.

2. Access to qualified staff and support is coming up consistently as a challenge for mid and small communities, and so we’re excited to make sure those great cities with big transportation goals get a chance to supercharge their efforts with this program.

3. All cities have to do is submit a letter stating their vision and goals by 12/6 to be considered.

Local Infrastructure Hub Safe Streets and Roads for All free bootcamps on both planning and implementation starting in January will open very soon, and we anticipate the notice of funding to be available around March of 2023. Additionally, the first round of recipients will likely be announced in January.