

Key Personnel – The following individuals are identified as key personnel. For positions that will be created through the grant job descriptions are provided.

Joseph Yager serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP). His key role is advising the REAP governing board on the operations of the organization through research, administration and facilitation. He serves as the secretary and financial officer of all REAP operations. He also staffs the Executive, Legislative, and Economic Development Committees.

Dane Baxa serves as the Water Resources Executive Officer for the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP). His key role is to provide research and facilitation to the REAP Water Resources Committee in identifying and coordinating collaborative efforts on regional issues of water quality and supply in South Central Kansas.

Mayor Kristey Williams was elected as the City of Augusta's first woman mayor in 2007. She is the current chair for the Regional Economic Area Partnership which she has held since January of 2010. Williams is a former public education teacher and avid community volunteer. She has a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Kansas.

Project Manager Job Description

The Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University works with state and local governments and nonprofit organizations in Kansas to support and enhance the quality of public service. The HWS assists state and local governments and nonprofit organizations primarily through professional development, applied research, technical assistance and consultation. For the past 12 years, the HWS, through a contract agreement, has provided professional executive staff, operation/administrative management and consultation services to the REAP organization.

Through a proposed contract with REAP, project management responsibilities for the grant will be contracted with the HWS, primarily to a Project Manager position. This position will be responsible for broad implementation of the proposed planning process and ensuring the goals of the project are achieved. The Project Manager will be responsible for the daily operation of the initiative, including but not limited to:

- Development and oversight of subcontract agreements
- Development and activity coordination of the implementation teams
- Development and distribution of communication and progress reports for REAP committees, Leadership Team and federal agencies
- Development, documentation and communication of performance requirements
- Development and distribution of financial documents

The Project Manager will report directly to the Leadership Team and will function through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between REAP and the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University. There are five primary strategies in the initiative. Work Teams will be created for each of the strategies and will be responsible for the execution of the initiative(s). The Work Teams will be staffed by the Project Manager and members will be appointed by the Leadership Team.

Formal agreements will be developed with each of the partners to fund the initiative and strategies of the grant. These agreements with the sub recipients are intended to detail funding and outcomes and can be used for assistance in monitoring and measuring activities and ultimate sustainability of efforts beyond the grant period.

Candidates for the Project Manager position will meet the following description: A graduate degree in public administration or a related field is required for the position. Excellent skills in verbal and written communication are required. Successful work experience in providing consultation, technical assistance, and facilitation for elected and appointed officials in state and local governments and nonprofit organizations is preferable. Successful experience with diverse populations is required. Demonstrated ability to work as a member of an organizational team is essential. Experience in conducting applied research, as well as work experience with small and large local governments and nonprofit organizations and their officials is preferable.

Assistant Project Manager Job Description

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Through a proposed contract with REAP, project management responsibilities for the grant will be contracted with the HWS and an Assistant Project Manager position will be created to support the Project Manager. This assistant project manager position will be responsible for assisting the Project Manager with the communication and administrative support for the broad implementation of the proposed planning process and ensuring the goals of the project are achieved. The Assistant Project Manager will be responsible for the daily operation of the initiative, including but not limited to:

- Assist with the development and activity coordination of the implementation teams
- Assist with development and distribution of communication and progress reports for REAP committees, Leadership Team and federal agencies
- Coordinate the public relations and community engagement activities
- Assist with the development, documentation and communication of performance requirements

The Assistant Project Manager will report directly to the Project Manager and will function through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between REAP and the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University.

Candidates for the Assistant Project Manager position will meet the following description: A graduate degree in public administration or a related field is required for the position. Excellent skills in verbal and written communication are required. Successful work experience in providing consultation, technical assistance, and facilitation for elected and appointed officials in state and local governments and nonprofit organizations is preferable. Successful experience with diverse populations is required. Demonstrated ability to work as a member of an organizational team is essential. Experience in conducting applied research, as well as work experience with small and large local governments and nonprofit organizations and their officials is preferable.

Graduate Assistant Job Description

Through a proposed contract with REAP, project management responsibilities for the grant will be contracted with the HWS. As part of the support from the HWS, a graduate assistant will be hired to provide research, technical assistance and general support to the Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager. Assistants are expected to work twenty hours per week and pursue their graduate degree on a full-time basis. Currently, assistants earn a stipend of \$9,000 for a nine-month appointment and may be granted a 35 percent tuition waiver.

Key Partners – The following individuals are identified as key partners:

Elizabeth Ablah, PhD, MPH, is an assistant professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. She serves as the principal investigator for the Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE), a community-based participatory research project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's Community Action to Renew the Environment (CARE) program. WIRE is comprised of volunteer stakeholders from within Wichita, and the aim is to identify and begin addressing the leading environmental health concerns voiced by the residents of the city.

Suzie Ahlstrand is the executive director of Visioneering Wichita and Interim President of the Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition (GWEDC). Visioneering Wichita provides citizen input in developing our future, facilitates communications so reality and perceptions are aligned, and creates a strategic plan that ensures a quality of life that encourages our young people to live, learn, work and play in our regional community. Ahlstrand has also been involved in economic development for many years.

Misty Bruckner, Associate Director for the Hugo Wall School Center of Urban Studies, joined the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University in a part-time position in September 2006. Misty is responsible for oversight of staff and program for the Center for Urban studies. She is also responsible for assisting local governments and nonprofits with special projects, policy development, facilitation and training efforts. In addition, she assists with student recruitment and placement, and alumni outreach.

Angela Buzard is the Director of the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at Wichita State University. Ms. Buzard's work focuses on program development and delivery to local governments on utility efficiencies, utility rate setting, environmental policy, environmental finance and public outreach. The EFC is part of a national network which was recently awarded one thematic area of the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Program which provides assistance to existing Sustainable Community grant recipients to Incorporate Water Infrastructure Planning and Investments into Local and Regional Planning Efforts.

Rodney Compton is the Planning and Development Director for Butler County, KS. He has been responsible for administering the planning and zoning activities, comprehensive planning, as well as current planning for Butler County. Compton holds a Master's of Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma. His over 36 years' experience in planning and development adds depth to the diverse sustainability planning activities within this region of South Central Kansas.

Jeff Fluhr is the President of the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation (WDDC) and responsible for carrying out the mission of the WDDC to strengthen Downtown Wichita as "the heart of the community". In this capacity, he works closely with the WDDC Board of Directors, private sector partners and local government to stimulate new investment and interest in Downtown Wichita. His experience encompasses city planning, urban revitalization, funding strategies, project management and community coalition building.

Irene Hart, CEcD, is the Director of Division of Community Development in Sedgwick County. She has primary responsibility for Economic Development (ED) within the organization, including policy development; strategic planning; area system development, implementation, and monitoring; facilitating improvement of community infrastructure to support ED; liaison to cities within Sedgwick County and to surrounding counties; County policy staff support to Greater Wichita Economic Development

Coalition (GWEDC). She is responsible for administration of a Foreign Trade Zone and work with organizations building international trade infrastructure including a virtual intermodal service. Hart is also County liaison to ethnic and minority communities, especially through business organizations and community initiatives, and to the Quad County Planning Forum and Sedgwick County Association of Cities. She has additionally coordinated policy development and regulations to improve area storm water management, road paving cost-sharing, on-site wastewater systems, solid waste planning, pathways, and regional land use planning issues.

Janis Hellard is the Director of the Sumner County Economic Development Commission. She is responsible for rural economic development, rural community development, and rural business recruitment and retention. Hellard is regionally connected, being a member of five regional organizations that work across jurisdictional lines for the purpose of advancing the economic development of our region.

Kay Johnson, CHMM, MSES, is the Division Manager of the Office of Environmental Initiatives. Johnson is responsible for public policy recommendations and oversight of air quality and environmental sustainability for the City of Wichita. Her responsibilities include media, regulatory and legislative affairs and public education for air quality and environmental sustainability issues. She serves as the Project Manager for the City's annual Energy and Sustainability Conference. Johnson is the city's representative on the Wichita Chamber's Environmental Committee.

Timothy Johnson is the Assistant City Manager of the City of Newton. Johnson is responsible to direct, organize, and administer parks department, community development, airport, human resources, information technology and grants administration activities. Those activities relate to community planning, housing/commercial development, quality of life infrastructure, rehabilitation programs, and other economic development activities.

Keith Lawing is the Executive Director of the Workforce Alliance (WA) of South Central Kansas; the Local Workforce Investment Board which oversees Workforce Investment Act funding and operates the Workforce Centers in the region. The WA brings employer partners and educators together to develop strategies and leverage funds to serve local job seekers and employers through education and training. WA's role in the sustainability planning process will be to lead roundtable discussions related to employment and training issues.

Larry Mangan is currently City Engineer for the City of Wellington. In that position, Mangan provides oversight to all City Departments, is the staff person for the City Planning Commission and attends all the City Council meetings. Mangan has been at Wellington for 17 years and overall has 38 years of engineering, planning and municipal experience. He is involved with water, having been in direct charge of the Water Production, Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection and Treatment Departments in Wellington for several years. He is also a member of the REAP Water Resources Committee and the Lower Arkansas Basin Advisory Committee. Mangan's role in the sustainability planning will be to attend the coordination meetings providing technical assistance.

Wynn Ponder, principal of Ponder:Connect Marketing in Wichita, is team leader of the Livable Plains Initiative. Over the past year he has worked closely with Visioneering Wichita, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, and Kansas Leadership Center to facilitate listening sessions among key stakeholders in the region. In his 17-year marketing career, Mr. Ponder has created branding campaigns, print and audio/video media, search engine optimized websites, social networking tools, and face-to-face engagements that gather key stakeholders around important causes. His team will work with the

Consortium Leadership Team to orchestrate an overall “sustainability brand” for the region, which will serve as a rallying flag for existing citizens and a recruitment tool for new citizens.

John Schlegel is the Director of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department. Schlegel oversees the operation of this consolidated department that provides planning services for the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. He also serves as Director for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, a regional transportation planning agency. Previously he served as the Director of Comprehensive Planning for Clark County, NV (Las Vegas). In this role, working in one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation, he faced an abundance of complex community development and growth issues.

Nancy Scott is the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Hutchinson. She is responsible for zoning, comprehensive planning, housing, community development, subdivisions, grant administration, historic preservation, floodplain administration, building inspection and permits, construction plan review, signs and nuisance abatement.

Marcia Stevens is the center director of the Wichita State University Kansas Small Business Development Center. America's Small Business Development Center Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. It is the U.S. Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. With about 1,000 centers across the nation, the SBDC network assists approximately 650,000 small businesses every year in face-to-face counseling and training, in addition to assisting hundreds of thousands more small businesses through fax-on-demand and e-mail.

Anthony Swartzendruber is the Assistant County Administrator and Finance Director for Harvey County. Responsibilities will include attending planning meetings, coordinating meetings in Harvey County, working to get Harvey County citizens involved, finance related issues, and connections to organizations serving the under-represented in Harvey County.

Jeff Usher is a Program Officer with Kansas Health Foundation, a Membership organizations business in Wichita. The Foundation focuses on one mission: To improve the health of all Kansans. They join with the World Health Organization in believing that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The Foundation has a broad network of effective partnerships across the state. They work closely with other health foundations, nonprofit groups, community foundations, state agencies, universities, hospitals, communities and advisory groups. This develops programs and finds answers to complex health issues to continue forming and strengthening partnerships with more Kansas organizations and communities.

Mary K. Vaughn serves as Director of Housing and Community Services for the City of Wichita. In this capacity, she is the executive director of the Wichita Housing Authority, in addition to having responsibilities for homeownership and home repair programs, program planning and grant oversight for homeless services, oversight of the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and the Community Action Program agency for Sedgwick County (Career Development Office). Her department is also administering federal ARRA program funds (HPRP and CDBG-R). In addition to directing various municipal departments and Federal programs, Ms. Vaughn also served for three terms as president of the U.S. Conference of City Human Services Officials She was a presenter at the International Conference on Crime, Drugs and Delinquency in Paris (France), and had an article

published in the Urban League's State of Black Kansas City. Ms. Vaughn has been a "big sister" through the Bigs in Schools program of Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the past 5 years.

Mark Vonachen, CFM, has been employed as the Reno County Planner since 2005. He became a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) in 2006. He served as a Regional Floodplain Director for the Kansas Association for Floodplain Management (KAFM) in 2007 and is currently Secretary of the organization since 2008. He was elected President-Elect of the Kansas Association of County Planning and Zoning Officials (KACPZO) in 2010 and is serving as President of the organization in 2011.

Scott Wituk, Ph.D., is the Director of the Center for Community Support and Research. Scott oversees all activities and services, budget, and operations. Scott has been with CCSR for nearly 20 years. He is committed to creating thriving and supportive communities and organizations and has background in community leadership, organizational capacity building, and applied research and evaluation methods. He works with a variety of nonprofit organizations, community coalitions, government entities, mental health consumer organizations, and self-help support groups. Scott has played a major role in developing and implementing many of CCSR's projects.