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Position: Executive Director

Alford Group Executive Search is pleased to announce a recent partnership with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County in the search for its next Executive Director.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County was established in 1915 under the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve Act. At the time it was the fifth such agency in the United States. County officials appropriated an initial \$8,000 to establish the agency and spent the first two years preparing operational policies. Today, the Forest Preserve District manages 25,000 acres of prairies, wetlands and woodlands, which are home to over 1,200 species of native plants and animals. It operates trails, picnic areas, fishing lakes, five education centers and other amenities for over 4 million visitors annually and provides regional flood control. For almost 100 years it has helped to improve the overall quality of life for DuPage County's citizens, which today number almost one million. Its nearly \$42 million annual operating budget is primarily funded by local real estate taxes and supports the agency's mission of conservation, education and recreation. To learn more about the Forest Preserve, visit www.dupageforest.com

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is a model organization that is looking for a creative, politically savvy, and mission-driven professional to serve as its next leader. The Board of Commissioners seeks an experienced, self-confident senior executive accustomed to exercising leadership in times of change and interfacing with multiple constituencies (individuals and entities). The ideal candidate will be an effective leader, communicator, and advisor. This role will ensure that a long-range strategic plan for the Forest Preserve is developed, implemented and communicated to all key stakeholder groups. Using the plan as a guiding template, the Executive Director will ensure that the Forest Preserve sustains its reputation as the model agency in Illinois and throughout the region and country. This individual is expected to take a strong role in molding and shaping a culture within the Forest Preserve that is perceived by all its stakeholders as service-oriented, fiscally responsible and ethically accountable.

To view Opportunity Guide go to: http://www.alford.com/atf/cf/%7BA502C9D8-35EE-4926-B09E-492FE95313E3%7D/FPDD_OPPORTUNITYGUIDE_FINAL.PDF.

Potential candidates must complete the online application at <http://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Contact/ContactUs.asp?ievent=297754&en=8rLFJRMvG7KOK1PyF6LLLYOJLjJSJ8MKIjLQL6POJnJPJUMEIgLQJ7NGJiL5G> including a current resume and cover letter.

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