Chief Strategy Officer

The Chief Strategy Officer (“CSO”) will assist and support the President and CEO in taking CEOs for Cities to the next level of sustainability, innovation, and impact and manages the national headquarters office at Cleveland State University’s Levin College of Urban Affairs. This is an ideal opportunity for an entrepreneurial, innovative leader who seeks to drive positive change in cities throughout the country. The CSO will have the opportunity to trail blaze in making cities more connected, innovative, talented, and distinctive, with regular access to cross-sector leaders and ideas and practices for city success. Reporting to the President and CEO, the CSO will ensure that the work of CEOs for Cities is cross-cutting, innovative and impactful.

In essence this is the “No.2” position in a very small organization with an excellent international reputation and a large national reach. As a result, the CSO is involved with all aspects of managing and leading the organization and fulfilling the CEOs for Cities mission and vision. This includes, but is not limited to, business development, communications, marketing, fundraising, membership recruitment and engagement, research, content development and management, identifying metrics to measure success, developing new opportunities for cross-fertilization and knowledge sharing across sectors and cities, and the development and execution of a new strategic plan.

This position is full-time and offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Interested parties should apply at www.ceosforcities.org/apply by February 14, 2014. Anticipated start date is early/mid March 2014.

Overriding CEOs for Cities Teamwork Principle: The smaller the organization, the more important it is that team members can think on their feet, adapt quickly to shifting priorities, and do whatever it takes, regardless of role or position, to get things done. Great CEOs for Cities team members know, often even without being told, when there’s a problem, issue, or project that needs help and support, and jump in to help—even if it's not in their job description.

Qualifications

- This position requires a self-motivated strategic thinker with a proven record of working independently and achieving results, who is also very well organized, attentive to detail and able to juggle multiple projects. It requires someone who enjoys building and sustaining relationship with staff, Board members, funders, members, and partners.
- Master’s level education in urban affairs, urban planning, public policy, business, sustainability, architecture, or marketing; or equivalent training and experience.
- Knowledge of and interest in city/urban issues
- Strong interpersonal, project and staff management skills
- Strong oral and written communications skills, including public speaking
- Strong social media and digital skills
- Entrepreneurial spirit, high energy, positive attitude and diplomacy
- Ability to respond to challenges with speed, flexibility, and a sense of humor