

Job Title: METROPOLITAN PLANNING UNIT CHIEF - (TECHNICAL MANAGER VI)

Job Requisition ID: 56732 IPR #26-01422

Opening Date: 06/29/2026

Closing Date: 07/14/2026

Agency: Department of Transportation

Position Title: Technical Manager VI

Salary: Anticipated Starting Salary: \$7,076 Monthly; Full Range: \$7,076 - \$11,692 Monthly

Job Type: Salaried

Category: Full Time

County: Sangamon

Number of Vacancies: 1

Bargaining Unit Code: NR916 Protech Teamsters

This position is a union position; therefore, provisions of the relevant collective bargaining agreement/labor contract apply to the filling of this position. All applicants who want to be considered for this position MUST apply electronically through the illinois.jobs2web.com website. State of Illinois employees should click the link near the top left to apply through the SuccessFactors employee career portal.

Applications submitted via email or any paper manner (mail, fax, hand delivery) will not be considered.

Why Work for Illinois?

Working with the State of Illinois is a testament to the values of compassion, equity, and dedication that define our state. Whether you're helping to improve schools, protect our natural resources, or support families in need, you're part of something bigger—something that touches the lives of every person who calls Illinois home. No matter what state career you're looking for, we offer jobs that fit your life and your schedule—flexible jobs that provide the gold standard of benefits. Our employees can take advantage of various avenues to advance their careers and realize their dreams. Our top-tier benefits and great retirement packages can help you build a rewarding career and lasting future with the State of Illinois.

Position Overview

This position is accountable for the oversight of Metropolitan Planning Program policy implementation throughout Illinois.

Essential Functions

- Provides implementation oversight of the Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP), ensuring that policies are applied consistently for each of the state's Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO).
- Directs the Metropolitan Planning Program in northeastern Illinois.
- Ensures that planning funds are expended judiciously and within the constraints of the law and regulation.
- Negotiates contracts between MPOs and the department for the administration of federal metropolitan planning funds.
- Resolves policy, financial, technical, administrative, and procedural problems that arise in the development of regional plans and programs.
- Provides effective liaison between the department and staff in regional planning agencies, elected officials, participating agency staff, and other participants in the planning process of the development of the Metropolitan Planning Program.
- Provides leadership to MPO members in ensuring that the planning process meets the expectations for northeastern Illinois.
- Reviews and evaluates the technical validity of work products and monitors program accomplishments.
- Provides liaison activities between the department and other participating agencies in the planning of major regional projects.

- Directly administers the MPP and State Planning and Research (SPR) Program grants for northeastern Illinois.
- Manages, trains, and evaluates staff.
- Performs duties in compliance with departmental safety rules. Performs all duties in a manner conducive to the fair and equitable treatment of all employees.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- Completion of a bachelor's degree majoring in planning, public policy, business, accounting, or public administration PLUS four years of experience in public administration, transportation planning, public outreach, processing grants or a combination thereof OR Twelve years of experience in public administration, transportation planning, public outreach, processing grants, or a combination thereof.
- Two years of supervisory experience.

Preferred Qualifications

- Ability to maintain sensitive relationships among various personnel.
- Working knowledge of transportation planning, urban planning, or government management studies.
- Familiarity with urban transportation program planning process.
- Ability to perform complex public communication tasks.
- Proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite.

Conditions of Employment

- Valid driver's license.
- Occasional statewide travel with overnights stays.
- Successful completion of a background screening.
- Certain provisions of the revolving door restrictions contained in 5 ILCS 430/5-45 apply to this position. As a result, the employee should be aware that if offered non-State employment during state employment or within one year immediately after ending State employment, the employee shall, prior to accepting any such non-State employment offer, notify the Office of the Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor (OEIG) or may be subject to a fine.
- The conditions of employment listed here are incorporated and related to any of the job duties as listed in the job description.

About the Agency

The Illinois Department of Transportation is seeking to hire a Metropolitan Planning Unit Chief.

The IDOT team works diligently to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity and protect our environment. We are problem solvers and leaders, constantly searching for innovations and improvements in support of our commitment to providing the best multimodal transportation system for Illinois. Our team fosters a culture of inclusivity. We value diversity and hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards as we work together for a common purpose. Team members frequently collaborate with colleagues and others outside the department to best meet customer needs.

The department offers extensive training and career advancement opportunities. Employees also receive a robust benefit package including:

- Monday-Friday work schedule
- Flexible work schedules in several program areas (flexible time, hybrid scheduling)
- Health, Life, Vision, and Dental Insurance
- Pension Plan
- (12) Weeks paid Maternity/Paternity Leave
- Deferred Compensation Program and other pre-tax benefit programs (Medical/Daycare)
- Employees earn (12) paid Sick Days annually
- New Employees earn (10) paid Vacation Days their first year of service and can earn up to (25) paid Vacation Days annually
- Employees earn (3) paid Personal Days annually
- (13-14) paid holidays annually (based on start date)
- Tuition Reimbursement

- Employee Assistance Program and/or mental health resources

We invite qualified applicants to apply to become part of our team. We are confident that you will take pride in serving Illinois and its residents and visitors.

Work Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Work Location: 2300 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, Illinois, 62764

Work Office: Office of Planning & Programming, Bureau of Planning

Agency Contact: DOT.CONTACTHR@ILLINOIS.GOV

Posting Group: Leadership & Management; Transportation

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Use the "Apply" button at the top right or bottom right of this posting to begin the application process.

If you are not already signed in, you will be prompted to do so.

State employees should sign in to the career portal for State of Illinois employees – a link is available at the top left of the Illinois.jobs2web.com homepage in the blue ribbon.

Non-State employees should log in on the using the "View Profile" link in the top right of the Illinois.jobs2web.com homepage in the blue ribbon. If you have never before signed in, you will be prompted to create an account.

If you have questions about how to apply, please see the following resources:

State employees: Log in to the [career portal](#) for State employees and review the [Internal Candidate Application Job Aid](#)

Non-State employees: on Illinois.jobs2web.com – click "Application Procedures" in the footer of every page of the website.

Seasonal and temporary workers should use a personal e-mail address when applying for jobs.

The main form of communication will be through email. Please check your "junk mail", "spam", or "other" folder for communication(s) regarding any submitted application(s). You may receive emails from the following addresses:

- donotreply@SIL-P1.ns2cloud.com
- systems@SIL-P1.ns2cloud.com