

Application deadline: Open until filled

Position Available: Commercial Navigation Project Manager

Description

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) seeks a highly motivated individual to develop and manage projects and activities that advance the GLC's Commercial Navigation Program. The GLC has a longstanding history of working with U.S. and Canadian federal, state, provincial and industry partners to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, security and sustainability of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River maritime transportation system. The position will be responsible for managing the GLC's current commercial navigation projects, as well as developing new projects and activities consistent with the Great Lakes Basin Compact, GLC's strategic plan and the needs and interests of states and provinces and the commercial navigation community in the binational Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River region.

Responsibilities

The commercial navigation project manager will manage a suite of existing projects and work with GLC directors, commissioners, industry and other partners to develop new projects and activities to address priorities for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence maritime transportation system and the overall economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes Basin. Currently, the GLC's two primary commercial navigation projects include the [Great Lakes Dredging Team](#) and the [Blue Accounting Maritime Transportation Project](#). Additional potential priorities are outlined in the GLC's [Strategic Plan](#) and the 2016 [Strategy for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Maritime Transportation System](#).

This position will be responsible to:

- Serve as the GLC's primary expert on commercial navigation and point of contact for engagement with U.S. and Canadian agencies, the maritime industry, and stakeholder organizations.
- Manage the [Great Lakes Dredging Team](#), which serves as a forum for governmental and non-governmental Great Lakes dredging interests to discuss the region's dredging needs and support timely, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable dredging practices throughout the Great Lakes.
- Manage the [Blue Accounting Maritime Transportation Project](#), which is collecting, curating, and presenting data and information to track progress in achieving the goals laid out in the governors' and premiers' 2016 Strategy for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Maritime Transportation System.
- Support the GLC's policy director in advancing policy and funding priorities for the Great Lake maritime transportation system consistent with the GLC's annual [federal advocacy agenda](#).
- Develop, secure funding for, and manage new projects and activities that advance priorities for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River maritime transportation system. Some potential examples include
 - Support efforts to inventory, maintain and rehabilitate existing maritime infrastructure, and develop new infrastructure, including a new Soo lock, piers and breakwaters, harbor dredging, icebreaking capacity, and other vital elements of the maritime transportation system.
 - Support growth in cruise tourism by working with the cruise industry, port communities, and regional leaders to build capacity, address obstacles, promote best practices, and assist stakeholders in promoting and expanding the cruise tourism economy.

- Convene and engage state agencies (e.g., Departments of Transportation, economic development agencies, etc.) to promote maritime transportation, showcase needs and opportunities to grow the maritime economy, and elevate state involvement in and support for the maritime mode.
- Assist federal and state agencies and the maritime community in reducing environmental impacts from navigation through the management of ballast water and other vessel discharges, improved emission control technologies, and other best management practices.
- Conduct or manage studies, research, data collection and related efforts to showcase economic benefits from commercial navigation and address specific questions, such as trends in cargo traffic, opportunities for modal shifts, safety and environmental performance.

Qualifications

The most competitive candidates for this position will have a master's degree in transportation, planning, public policy, economics, business administration, environmental or marine engineering, or a related field, and at least four years of related professional experience. The Commission may consider candidates with an undergraduate degree and commensurate relevant experience.

Additionally, this position requires the following:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River maritime transportation system and the commercial navigation industry, including relevant stakeholders, policies and programs in the U.S. and Canada and major sources of data and information on maritime trade;
- Experience managing projects, project teams, and working with multiple stakeholders;
- Excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate complex information to diverse audiences;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively with stakeholders from multiple backgrounds, including elected officials, industry leaders, agency managers, and nonprofit organizations;
- Demonstrated program development experience, including developing projects, writing grant proposals, managing budgets, and administering federal grants and contracts;
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with the ability to effectively manage multiple projects and deadlines;
- Experience using multiple communications platforms (print, media, web) to convey work and accomplishments; and
- French language skills preferred.

Compensation and benefits

The anticipated starting salary for this position ranges between \$60,000 and \$64,000 per year, depending on education, skills, and experience. The Great Lakes Commission offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits, including generous leave time, flexible schedules, medical, dental and vision insurance, and a retirement match program.

Work environment

The majority of work is performed in a professional office. The incumbent must be able to work independently and with professional team members, often in a fast-paced and time-sensitive environment. The position requires the incumbent to demonstrate excellent communication and efficient time management skills to complete assignments and meet deadlines. This position may require occasional travel.

Application process

To apply for this position, applicants must submit a cover letter and resume clearly stating the applicant's interest in and qualifications for the posted position. **Please note:** All required items must be provided prior to the posting deadline for an application to receive consideration.

Please submit a complete application, including all required materials in a single e-mail to: vacancy@glc.org

Please do not call.

About the Great Lakes Commission

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) is an intergovernmental agency created by the eight Great Lakes states and Congress to protect and wisely manage the Great Lakes, acting under the authorities of the Great Lakes Basin Compact of 1955. In 1968, Congress passed an Act authorizing its consent to the Compact. Since 1999, the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec serve as associate members. The states and provinces are represented on the GLC by delegation members appointed by each jurisdiction. The GLC is an integral component of the governance structure of the Great Lakes Basin—enabling party states and provinces to develop consensus around a common agency table and then speak with a unified, powerful voice on behalf of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River region and its 48 million residents. The GLC staff also invests in a wide range of project priorities for states, provinces and the Basin. Learn more at www.glc.org.

Note: The Great Lakes Commission strives to create an inclusive, diverse and non-discriminatory work place. The GLC is an equal opportunity employer; the GLC complies with applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination. It is the policy of the Great Lakes Commission that no person shall be discriminated against, as an employee or applicant for employment, because of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, height, weight, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, or a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.