



July 1, 2019

Kevin Lahner  
City Administrator  
City of Waukesha  
201 Delafield St. #203  
Waukesha, WI 53188

Dear Mr. Lahner:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal for the Police Chief recruitment and selection process for the City of Waukesha. GovHR USA ("GovHR") prides itself on a tailored, personal approach to executive recruitment and selection, able to adapt to your specific requirements for the position.

### Qualifications and Experience

GovHR is a public management consulting firm serving municipal clients and other public-sector entities on a national basis. Our headquarters offices are in Northbrook, Illinois. We are a certified Female Business Enterprise in the State of Illinois and work exclusively in the public sector. We have 11 full time and 8 part time employees and 27 project consultants. GovHR offers customized executive recruitment services and completes other management studies and consulting projects for communities. Please note the following key qualifications of our firm:

- Since our establishment in 2009, our consultants have conducted hundreds of recruitments in 29 states, with an increase in business of at least 30% each year. Twenty-eight (28%) of our clients are repeat clients, the best indicator of satisfaction with our services.
- Surveys of our clients show that 94% rate their overall experience with our firm as *Outstanding and* indicate that they plan to use our services or highly recommend us in the future.
- Our state of the art processes, including extensive use of social media for candidate outreach and video interviews with potential finalist candidates, ensure a successful recruitment for your organization.
- Our high quality, thorough Recruitment Brochure reflects the knowledge we will have about your community and your organization and will provide important information to potential candidates.
- The firm has a total of twenty-seven consultants, both generalists and specialists (public safety, public works, finance, parks, etc.), who are based in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, as well as five reference specialists and eight support staff.

Our consultants are experienced executive recruiters who have conducted over 600 recruitments, working with cities, counties, special districts and other governmental entities of all sizes throughout the country. In addition, we have held leadership positions within local government, giving us an understanding of the complexities and challenges facing today's public-sector leaders.

GovHR is led by Heidi Voorhees, President, and Joellen Cademartori, Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Voorhees previously spent 8 years with the nationally recognized public-sector consulting firm, The PAR

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Group, and was President of The PAR Group from 2006 – 2009. Ms. Voorhees has conducted more than 250 recruitments in her management consulting career, with many of her clients repeat clients, attesting to the high quality of work performed for them. In addition to her 12 years of executive recruitment and management consulting experience, Ms. Voorhees has 19 years of local government leadership and management service, with ten years as the Village Manager for the Village of Wilmette, IL. Ms. Cademartori is a seasoned manager, with expertise in public sector human resources management. She has held positions from Human Resources Director and Administrative Services Director to Assistant Town Manager and Assistant County Manager. Ms. Cademartori has worked in forms of government ranging from Open Town Meeting to Council-Manager and has supervised all municipal and county departments ranging from Public Safety and Public Works to Mental Health and Social Services.

## Consultant Assigned

GovHR Senior Vice President Lee Szyzborski will be responsible for your recruitment and selection process. Mr. Szyzborski will be assisted by Vice President Lee McCann. Their biographies are attached to this Proposal and their contact information is:

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A complete list of Ms. McKee's and GovHR's clients is available on our website at [www.govhrusa.com](http://www.govhrusa.com)

## Scope of Work

A typical recruitment and selection process takes approximately 175 hours to conduct. At least 50 hours of this time is administrative, including advertisement placement, reference interviews, and due diligence on candidates. We believe our experience and ability to professionally administer your recruitment will provide you with a diverse pool of highly qualified candidates for your Police Chief search. GovHR clients are informed of the progress of a recruitment throughout the entire process. We are always available by mobile phone or email should you have a question or need information about the recruitment.

GovHR suggests the following approach to your recruitment, subject to your requests for modification:

### Phase I – Position Assessment, Position Announcement and Brochure Development

Phase I will include the following steps:

- One-on-one or group interviews will be conducted with elected officials, appointed officials, staff, business community representatives and any other stakeholders identified by the client to develop our Recruitment Brochure. The Proposal assumes up to two full days and one night depending upon the client's needs. We can also utilize dedicated email and surveys to obtain feedback from stakeholder groups. Previous clients have invited community leaders to meetings with our consultants; other clients have developed surveys for the community or organization; and some clients request we use a combination of these methods to fully understand community and organizational needs and expectations for the next Police Chief. We will work closely with you on the format that best meets your needs.
- Development of a **Position Announcement**.
- Development of a detailed **Recruitment Brochure** for your review and approval.

- Agreement on a detailed **Recruitment Timetable** – a typical recruitment takes 90 days from the time you sign the contract until you are ready to appoint the finalist candidate.

## Phase II – Advertising, Candidate Recruitment and Outreach

We make extensive use of social media as well as traditional outreach methods to ensure a diverse and highly qualified pool of candidates. In addition, our website is well known in the local government industry – we typically have 5,000 visits to our website each month. Finally, we develop a database customized to your recruitment and can do an email blast to thousands of potential candidates.

Phase II will include the following steps:

- Placement of the Position Announcement in appropriate professional online publications. In addition to public sector publications and websites, outreach will include LinkedIn and other private sector resources. We can provide the City with a list of where we intend to place the position announcement, if requested.
- The development of a database of potential candidates from across the country unique to the position and to the City, focusing on the leadership and management skills identified in Phase I as well as size of organization, and experience in addressing challenges and opportunities also outlined in Phase I. This database can range from several hundred to thousands of names depending on the parameters established for the outreach. Outreach will be done in person, and through e-mail and telephone contacts. GovHR consultants have extensive knowledge of the municipal government industry and will personally identify and contact potential candidates. With more than 600 collective years of municipal and consulting experience among our consultants, we often have inside knowledge about candidates.

## Phase III – Candidate Evaluation and Screening

Phase III will include the following steps:

- Review and evaluation of candidates' credentials considering the criteria outlined in the Recruitment Brochure.

Candidates will be interviewed by video to fully grasp their qualifications, experience and interpersonal skills. The interviews include asking specific questions about their experiences and skill sets as well as asking questions specific to the Police Chief. We will ask follow up questions and probe specific areas. By utilizing video interviews we will have an assessment of their verbal skills and their level of energy for and interest in the position.

- Formal and informal references and an internet/social media search of each candidate will be conducted to further verify candidates' abilities, work ethic, management and leadership skills, analytical skills, interpersonal skills, ability to interact with the media, and any areas identified for improvement.
- All résumés will be acknowledged and contacts and inquiries from candidates will be personally handled by GovHR, ensuring that the City's process is professional and well regarded by all who participate.

## Phase IV – Presentation of Recommended Candidates

Phase IV will include the following steps:

- GovHR will prepare a Recruitment Report that presents the credentials of those candidates most qualified for the position. You will advise us of the number of reports you will need for the individuals involved in this phase of the recruitment and selection process. We provide a binder which contains the candidate's cover letter and résumé. In addition, we prepare a "mini" résumé for each candidate, so that each candidate's credentials are presented in a uniform way. GovHR will provide you with a log of all candidates who applied. You may also review all the résumés, if requested.
- GovHR will meet with you on-site to review the Recruitment Report and expand upon the information provided. The report will arrive two to three days in advance of the meeting, giving you the opportunity to fully review it. In addition to the written report, we will spend 2 to 3 hours discussing the candidates by reviewing their skype interviews and providing excerpts from the references we will have conducted on the individuals.

### **Phase V –Interviewing Process**

Phase V will include the following steps:

- After the Recruitment Report is presented, the Interviewing Process will be finalized including the discussion of any specific components you deem appropriate, such as a writing sample or oral presentation.
- GovHR will develop the first and second round interview questions for your review and comment. GovHR will provide you with interview books that include the credentials each candidate submits, a set of questions with room for interviewers to make notes, and evaluation sheets to assist interviewers in assessing the candidate's skills and abilities.
- GovHR will work with you to develop an interview schedule for the candidates, coordinating travel and accommodations. In addition to a structured interview with the City, the schedule will incorporate a tour of the City of Waukesha's facilities and interviews with senior staff, if the City so desires.
- Once candidates for interview are selected, additional references will be contacted, along with verification of educational credentials, criminal court, credit, and motor vehicle and records checks.
- GovHR recommends a two-step interviewing process with (typically) five or six candidates interviewed in the first round. Following this round, we strongly suggest that two or three candidates are selected for second round interviews. Again, we will prepare a second round of interview questions and an evaluation sheet.
- GovHR consultants will be present for all the interviews, serving as a resource and facilitator.

### **Phase VI – Appointment of Candidate**

- GovHR will assist you as much as you request with the salary and benefit negotiations and drafting of an employment agreement, if appropriate.
- GovHR will notify all applicants of the final appointment, providing professional background information on the successful candidate.

### **Optional Assessment Center**

If desired, GovHR will perform an Assessment Center for candidates selected for interview as part of the selection process. An Assessment Center is a very useful tool for evaluating the strengths, weaknesses and skills and abilities of the City of Waukesha's next Police Chief. GovHR consultants will prepare all the

related documents and scoring sheets for a choice of any of three (3) of the following exercises to be completed on the Assessment Center day:

- In-Basket Exercise
- Written/Oral Presentation Exercise
- Structured Interview
- Budget Analysis Exercise
- Personnel Issues Exercise
- Other exercise of the Client's choosing

### **Citizen Involvement in the Recruitment Process**

GovHR has entered into an exclusive strategic partnership with Polco. Polco provides the tools for municipalities to collect citizens' views. Community responses are validated using the local voter database to verify the responses. Civic engagement is enhanced by using websites, widgets, and apps to meet the citizens where they are. Citizens become more active and informed participants in the process by voicing their views to municipal leaders and other citizens. Polco makes voicing opinions accessible, easy and convenient. It is an excellent tool that can be used to solicit input during the recruitment process and can be used in the future for a wide variety of purposes related to civic engagement. This is an optional service. Pricing available upon request.

### **Leadership/Personality Assessments**

GovHR has experience working with a wide variety of leadership and personality assessment tools, depending on the qualities and experiences the client is seeking in their candidates. These include but are not limited to Luminaspark, Caliper, DISC and others. Typically these tools cost \$300 per candidate to administer. This fee is not included in our proposal.

### **One-Way Video Interviews**

Candidates we recommend for your consideration can complete a one-way video interview with 3 to 5 questions that will be recorded for an additional fee. The client can then review these interviews at your convenience prior to make a decision on which candidates to invite for interview.

### **Optional 360° Evaluation**

As a service to the City, we offer the option to provide you with a proposal for a 360° performance evaluation for the appointed Police Chief at about six months into his or her employment. This evaluation will include seeking feedback from both Elected Officials and Department Directors, along with any other constituent the City feels would be relevant and beneficial. This input will be obtained on a confidential basis with comments known only to the consultant. If you are interested in this option, GovHR USA will prepare a proposal for this service.

### **Recruitment Schedule**

A detailed recruitment schedule will be provided in Phase I. The recruitment and selection process typically takes 90 days from the time the contract is signed until the candidate is appointed. We can work with you on a shorter process, should you so desire.

Our typical recruitment process includes the following milestones and deliverables:

➤ Weeks 1 - 2	On-site interviews of City officials and staff, development and approval of recruitment brochure <b>Deliverable: recruitment brochure</b>
➤ Weeks 3 - 8	Placement of professional announcements; candidate identification, screening, interview and evaluation by consultant
➤ Week 9	Consultant recommendation to the City of qualified candidates <b>Deliverable: recruitment report</b>
➤ Week 10	Selection of candidate finalists by the City; additional background and reference checks, report preparation and presentation <b>Deliverable: interview reports including suggested questions and evaluation sheets</b>
➤ Weeks 11-12	Interviews of selected finalist candidates; recommendation of final candidate; negotiation, offer, acceptance and appointment

Summary of Costs	Price
Recruitment Fee:	<b>\$13,000</b>
Recruitment Expenses: (not to exceed) ➤ Expenses include consultant travel, postage/shipping, telephone, support services, candidate due diligence efforts. copying etc.	<b>2,500</b>
Advertising: *Advertising costs over \$2,500 will be placed only with client approval. If less than \$2,500, Client is billed only for actual cost.	<b>2,500*</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$18,000**</b>

\*\*This fee does not include travel and accommodations for candidates interviewed. Recruitment brochures are produced as electronic files. Printed brochures can be provided, if requested, for an additional cost of \$900.

The above cost proposal is predicated on four consultant visits to the City; the first for the recruitment brochure interview process (up to two full days and one night, depending upon the client's needs; if additional days are needed they will be billed at \$500 per half day and \$950 for a full day, plus additional hotel charges, if required); the second to present recommended candidates; and the third and fourth for the candidate interview process (second round interviews are often scheduled a week or so following the first round interviews). Any additional consultant visits requested by the City will be billed at \$125/hour; \$500 for a half day and \$950 for a full day. The additional visits may also result in an increase in the travel expenses and those expenses will be billed to the client.

**Optional Assessment Center Fee:** \$6,500\*  
The fee for the Assessment Center is \$6,500. The fee assumes that the Assessment Center will be held

on one day and be limited to no more than five candidates. For each additional candidate, the fee will increase by \$750.

The fee includes the preparation and cost of the Assessment Center material, and a written report outlining the findings of the Assessment Center as reported by the Assessors. We will assist the City of Waukesha in selecting three (3) professionals from outside the organization to serve as Assessors in evaluating each candidate's strengths and weaknesses. The city will be responsible for paying a \$500 stipend to each Assessor (and possibly mileage for the assessors).

The Assessment Center fee does not include lodging, travel and meal expenses for the GovHR facilitator(s) to be on-site for the Assessment Center. Actual expenses will be billed in addition to the \$6,500. If the City of Waukesha chooses to add the Assessment Center option, the fees and expenses for this will be billed separately.

## Payment for Fees and Services

Professional fees and expenses will be invoiced as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment:** 1/3 of the Recruitment Fee (invoice sent upon acceptance of our proposal).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment:** 1/3 of the Recruitment Fee and expenses incurred to date (invoice sent following the recommendation of candidates).

**Final Payment:** 1/3 of the Recruitment Fee and all remaining expenses (invoice sent after recruitment is completed).

Recruitment expenses and the costs for printing the Recruitment Brochure will be itemized in detail. Payment of invoices is due within thirty (30) days of receipt (unless the client advises that its normal payment procedures require 60 days.)

## Philosophy

Executive search is an important decision-making process for an organization and our primary goal is to provide our client with the information to make the best hiring decision. Our firm's executive recruitment philosophy embraces a professional process of integrity, trust, and respect toward all parties involved, and complete commitment toward meeting the expressed needs and desires of our client. All of our services are handled by principals of the firm who have established and well-regarded reputations in the search field, as well as actual operating experience in the public management fields in which they now consult. Each has impeccable professional credentials and unblemished personal reputations. Keeping both our client and prospective candidates informed on the status of the recruitment on a regular basis is also an important part of our recruitment process. Our work is carried out in an open manner with particular attention given toward seeking out critical factors of a client's organization and governance, and utilizing such information respectfully and discreetly in seeking out candidates who truly have the ability to meet the expectations and needs of the client—working strenuously in developing a fully qualified, "best match" candidate pool for client consideration. Our process includes assistance in the critical final interview and selection phases of the recruitment, and availability to both client and candidate for months following the appointment. Our process was developed and refined over the years to meet the special, and often unique, needs and circumstances facing our local government, public management, and related not-for-profit clients.

## GovHR Guarantee

It is the policy of GovHR to assist our clients until an acceptable candidate is appointed to the position. Therefore, no additional professional fee would be incurred should the City not make a selection from the

initial group of recommended candidates and request additional candidates be developed for interview consideration. Additional reimbursable expenses may be incurred should the situation require consultant travel to Waukesha beyond the planned four visits.

Upon appointment of a candidate, GovHR provides the following guarantee: should the selected and appointed candidate, at the request of the City or the employee's own determination, leave the employ of the City within the first 12 months of appointment, we will, if desired, conduct one additional recruitment for the cost of expenses and announcements only, if requested to do so within six months of the employee's departure.

In addition, in accordance with the policy of our firm as well as established ethics in the executive search industry, we will not actively recruit the placed employees for a period of five years.

## Why Choose GovHR?

We ask you to consider the following as you deliberate:

- We are a leader in the field of local government recruitment and selection with experience in more than 29 states, in communities ranging in population from 1,000 to 1,000,000. More than 28% of our clients are repeat clients showing a high level of satisfaction with our work. We encourage you to call any of our previous clients.
- We are committed to bringing a diverse pool of candidates to your recruitment process. We network extensively with state, city and county management associations, attending more than 20 state and national conferences each year. In addition, we support and attend the meetings of Women Leading Government, the Local Government Hispanic Network, the California Network of Asian Public Administrators, and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.
- We conduct comprehensive due diligence on candidates. Before we recommend a candidate to you, we will have video interviewed them, conducted reference calls, and media and social media searches. Our knowledge of local government ensures that we can ask probing questions that will verify their expertise.
- We are your partners in this important process. You are welcome to review all the resumes we receive, and we will share our honest assessment of the candidates.
- Our goal is your complete satisfaction. We are committed to working with you until you find the candidate that is the best fit for your position.

We believe we have provided you with a comprehensive proposal; however, if you would like a service that you do not see in our proposal, please let us know. We can most likely accommodate your request.

This proposal will remain in effect for a period of six months from the date of the proposal. We look forward to working with you on this recruitment and selection process!

Sincerely,



Heidi J. Voorhees  
President  
GovHR USA

Attachment: Consultant Biography

**ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSULTANT BIOGRAPHY

### **Lee Szymborski** **Senior Vice President**

Lee Szymborski is a Senior Vice President with GovHR USA, working on both executive search and general management consulting assignments. He has more than 33 years of experience in local government administration.

Mr. Szymborski's experience spans both Wisconsin and Illinois communities. Mr. Szymborski served more than 15 years as City Administrator in Mequon, Wisconsin. Mequon is a full service city with \$30 million in combined budgets, and more than 170 employees serving 23,000 residents. In addition to his Wisconsin service in Mequon, he also worked for the City of Wauwatosa and Milwaukee County. In Illinois, he served for 12 years as Assistant Village Manager in Buffalo Grove.

Mr. Szymborski's track record points to a results-oriented approach to municipal government management. That is demonstrated by his work including the purchase of a \$14 M private water utility that has seen its customer base increase under city ownership (Mequon); reorganizing city departments and reducing workforce costs in an organizationally sensitive manner (Mequon); spearheading a 10- community oversight committee to secure the startup of commuter rail service (Metra) on the WI Central railway (Buffalo Grove); and re-purposing TIF funds to provide incentives that secured a \$16 M mixed-use development in Mequon's Town Center. He is additionally skilled in budgeting, personnel administration, community engagement efforts and strategic planning.

Mr. Szymborski's experience in recruiting key staff extends back to his management roles in both Buffalo Grove and Mequon. In Buffalo Grove, he handled for the Village Manager all aspects of recruiting the management team. During his time in Mequon, Mr. Szymborski recruited all members of the City's management team.

Since joining GovHR USA in 2014, Mr. Szymborski has managed close to 65 executive searches for communities in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Massachusetts, as well as non-profit agencies including the International City/County Management Association.

His recent searches include City Manager, City Administrator and department head positions for communities throughout the Midwest and East Coast. He has done management studies and strategic plans for several Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri communities, professional associations and councils of government. He has also been part of GovHR USA's classification and compensation studies in several Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Massachusetts communities.

#### **Professional Education, Training and Instruction**

- Master of Science degree in Urban Affairs, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

#### **Professional Development and Speaking Engagements**

- Adjunct instructor at Upper Iowa University – Milwaukee Center
- Published articles in Public Management Magazine, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

#### **Memberships and Affiliations**

- Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club
- Board of Directors for the Mequon Nature Preserve

- International City/County Management Association
- Wisconsin City/County Management Association
- Former President Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants
- Former President Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club

### **Awards**

- Mequon – Thiensville Chamber of Commerce’s Distinguished Service Award

### **Local Government Background**

- City Administrator, Mequon, WI 1999-2014
- Assistant Village Manager, Buffalo Grove, IL 1987-1999
- Milwaukee County and City of Wauwatosa, WI 1980-1986

### **Lee McCann Vice President**

Lee McCann is a Vice President – Midwest Region for GovHR USA and has over 36 years of active public safety experience. He works on executive search and general management consulting projects.

Following his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Mr. McCann began his career in local law enforcement as a patrol officer in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He rose through the ranks of that agency, attaining the highest merit position, Lieutenant, in less than ten years. In 1982 he was named Chief of Police in Buffalo Grove, Illinois and served as Chief of Police in Buffalo Grove & Skokie, Illinois for the next 23 years. While serving in Buffalo Grove, he led the police department in becoming one of the first 50 law enforcement agencies in the nation to be accredited.

Mr. McCann accepted numerous leadership roles with intergovernmental agencies during his tenure as Chief of Police. He helped found and manage the Lake County (Illinois) Major Crimes Task Force, served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Northwest Central Dispatch System and was President of the Northern Illinois Police Crime Laboratory. He was Secretary of the Executive Board of the Northwest Police Academy for ten years and was also President of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System - a mutual aid organization that provides manpower and other specialized services to member agencies during disaster and other emergency situations. During the five years he served as President of this organization, Mr. McCann oversaw a 100% growth in membership to over 80 law enforcement agencies serving a population of approximately 1,000,000 people.

Mr. McCann's consulting experience includes general police management studies, executive search & recruiting assignments, and service as on-site assessment team leader for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies since 1987. He also is a member of several professional organizations and has served on the governing boards of civic and charitable organizations such as OMNI Youth Services, United Way and as chairman of the Regional Action Planning Project, a local initiative to suppress street gang activity.

Mr. McCann is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, the Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute, and Chicago State University.

### **Professional Education, Training and Instruction**

- FBI National Academy
- Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute
- Chicago State University

**Memberships and Affiliations**

- Helped found and Manager - Lake County (Illinois) Major Crimes Task Force
- Former Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Northwest Central Dispatch System
- Former President of the Northern Illinois Police Crime Laboratory
- Former Secretary of the Executive Board of the Northwest Police Academy
- Former President of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System
- Former Governing Boards of OMNI Youth Services
- Former Governing Board of United Way
- Former Chairman of the Regional Action Planning Project

**Local Government Professional Background**

Over 36 years of active public safety experience

- Chief of Police, Skokie, IL
- Chief of Police, Buffalo Grove, IL
- Lieutenant and Various Command Positions, Evergreen Park, IL