

WAVERLY PARTNERS, LLC is the preferred provider of executive search services of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives. We have been retained by the Board of Directors of the Junction City (Kansas) Area Chamber of Commerce on the search for a new President & Chief Executive Officer. Please review the information below and call us with your confidential nominations or recommendations. Thank you and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and continued success in the New Year.

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**PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
JUNCTION CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Junction City, Kansas**

The Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce (“the Chamber”) is a business- and economic development-focused nonprofit organization serving Junction City and the surrounding area in central Kansas, part of the Flint Hills region. The organization’s current structure was finalized in November 2011, created through blending of missions, strengths, staff and volunteers of four organizations:

- **Chamber of Commerce:** 300-member, nonprofit business-advocacy organization.
- **Junction City-Geary County Economic Development Commission:** primary agency charged with the retention, expansion and attraction of business and industry in the City and County.
- **Geary County Convention & Visitors Bureau:** Promotes travel and tourism for Geary County
- **Military Affairs Council:** Serves as a liaison between Fort Riley military and civilian community.

The Chamber is governed by a 13-member volunteer Board of Directors that includes leadership from both the private and public sectors; as part of the organizational transition, each division will retain an Advisory Board of volunteers for the immediate future. The organization has an annual budget of approximately \$1.1MM that includes economic development funding from the City and the County, Chamber member dues and events income and revenue from the County from “heads in beds” taxes generated by the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Junction City, Kansas is nestled in the heart of the Flint Hills of Kansas, at the strategic intersection of I-70 and U.S. Highway 77 halfway between Topeka and Salina. This central location allows easy access to major expanding markets such as Wichita and Kansas City which are less than 2 hours by car. Only 20 minutes from Manhattan, Kansas, home of 25,000-student Kansas State University, Junction City residents enjoy the benefits of living near a university town. Geary County has a population of 34,300 with Junction City as the largest city with a population of 23,500. Fort Riley United States Army Installation adds an additional 51,000 daytime population and serves as major economic stimulus for the area. The area will also benefit from the 2013 relocation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (“NBAF”) to Manhattan, Kansas, from its current location in Plum Island, New York. NBAF will bring dozens of highly specialized, research-based jobs to the area and Junction City will benefit from ancillary service providers expected to develop as well.

President & Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) reports to a 13-member Board of Directors made up of public and private sector leaders of the community. The CEO will supervise 7 staff and work closely with elected officials, Fort Riley military leadership, other private and public sector economic development organizations in the region and State.

Ideal candidate is currently functioning as the top executive or strong #2 executive at an economic development focused organization such as a local, county, regional or state economic development organization, chamber of commerce, a private sector development company or a major utility. The successful candidate will have a background and experience that enables him/her to gain immediate credibility with the business, political and community leadership.

Outstanding opportunity for an economic development, chamber of commerce, association, or perhaps private sector executive to lead and grow a newly merged organization committed to the success of the business sector and overall community in Junction City and Geary County. While proud of their heritage, residents of Junction City feel in many ways that “the best is yet to come” for their community. With the presence and energy of Fort Riley, along with the NBAF move into the region, there will be significant forward momentum for growth and development. With a staff mixture of both tenured and newer professionals, and an engaged and committed Board, the new CEO will work in partnership with existing business and government leadership to shape the community for years to come.

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