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Lee County Board of County Commissioners

Karen Hawes, Interim County Manager

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Dear Lee County Commissioners and Manager Hawes:

The selection of a County Manager is of the utmost importance to ensure that Lee County meets the challenges of creating and implementing a county-wide strategic plan for sustainable development incorporating land use policies that reduce traffic congestion, expand mass transit and discourage urban sprawl. The selected Manager needs to be knowledgeable about and have experience with the major issues confronting Lee County including growth management; water supply preservation; water quality enhancement; smart growth; urban redevelopment; natural resource protection; habitat and environmental protection.

We encourage you to conduct a thorough search to find a candidate whose experience and successful management has been in a county or city whose growth needs mirror those of Lee County and will:

- Have four or more years as an active county/city executive with a successful track record in directing innovative programs that yielded sustainable community development in a fast-growing county/city
- Challenge County employees to continuously improve governmental processes and to foster interdepartmental cooperation
- Actively engage in public discussions and have the ability to understand the diverse and changing needs of various community and private sector groups
- A high level of demonstrated ability in working cooperatively with all County Departments, Constitutional Officers, independent Boards and Authorities in a transitional community

We urge you to find a leader who has the vision and skill set to see the true potential of Lee County and to creatively embrace solutions. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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