



## Senior Financial Analyst

**Recruitment Number:** 2011-EMS-002  
**Location:** Olympia, Washington  
**Salary:** \$75,072 – \$90,696 Depending on qualifications.  
**Opening Date:** 06/09/11 8:00 AM Pacific Time  
**Closing Date:** 06/30/11 5:00 PM Pacific Time

**Position Profile:** Working for the Washington State Transportation Commission is distinctive and presents the opportunity to directly shape and impact statewide transportation decision making. The Commission serves a role unlike any other state agency in Washington State in that it is independent of the Governor and the Legislature and carries authority covering a broad spectrum of issues in transportation. Commission members are appointed by the Governor and work directly with federal, state, and local leaders to obtain data and articulate ideas on how to improve the quality of transportation throughout the state.

This position will be charged with a variety of financial and data analysis responsibilities including the development of toll rate policies and rate structures, conducting financial analyses of state toll roads and the state's ferry system, overseeing technical studies related to state financing of highway projects, toll rate and pricing mechanisms, tolling traffic and revenue analysis, and public opinion data collection. This position offers an opportunity to have a direct role in the creation of state transportation funding and fiscal policy that will shape the future of tolling and transportation finance in Washington State. The incumbent will have frequent interaction with top decision makers at the federal, state and local levels. Because this position is new, there is potential to further shape and add other responsibilities on a variety of topics and activities.

The Commission is seeking an individual with strong skills in the areas of budget and finance as well as data analysis. The successful candidate will be comfortable interacting with decision makers and stakeholders at all levels which will require excellent judgment and strong interpersonal skills. The future incumbent will need to work independently but be a strong team player. This position will work with others to identify challenges and improvements, determine impacts, and assist in analysis of transportation issues and the execution of studies. In addition, this position will require someone who can work collaboratively with a variety of diverse stakeholders, jurisdictions and agencies

in acquiring data and information necessary to allow the Commission to act insightfully and make well-informed decisions and recommendations.

**This position will perform the following work:**

- Reviewing and analyzing detailed financial data, budget information, and forecasts of anticipated future costs and demand.
- Conducting detailed financial analyses and generating financial information and documents for the Commission to inform and guide their rate setting.
- Developing toll rate and ferry fare scenarios for Commission consideration.
- Assisting the Commission in developing its fiscal guidance and advisement that is submitted to the Governor and Legislature on transportation finance, funding, infrastructure needs and efficiencies.
- Overseeing finance related studies and public opinion surveys.
- Reviewing and analyzing survey data to inform rate setting.
- Reviewing and analyzing provisions and financials related to proposed public/private partnerships.
- Collecting, reviewing and analyzing information and data on transportation funding needs of regions, counties and cities throughout the state.
- Collecting, reviewing and analyzing performance data and transportation plans, budgets and investments to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of state and local transportation systems.

**Viable and competitive candidates should meet or exceed most of the following required qualifications:**

- BA or BS degree in finance, accounting, economics, or a related field, OR at least 5 years experience in the field of economics, finance or related areas. Preference may be given for those candidates with graduate degrees.
- Strong and proven financial and data analysis skills.
- Strong communication skills and experience in giving presentations before a variety of audiences.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and experience working and collaborating with a variety of stakeholders and organizations.
- Solid computer skills and complete familiarity with Microsoft Office.
- Ability to effectively multi-task in a fast paced work environment.

**Desirable qualifications include:**

- Experience in rate setting.
- Experience in conducting elasticity analysis and price structuring.
- Experience in public opinion surveying and data analysis.

- Knowledge of and/or experience with the Washington State legislative process.

**How to Apply:** Applications for this recruitment will be accepted electronically. **Please hit the green apply button at the top of this announcement. To be considered for this position, you will need to insert a resume in the “resume text” area of your electronic application and complete the supplemental questions.**

**Contact us:** For inquiries about this position, please contact **Ted Koska** at **360-705-7509** or email to [HQHR@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:HQHR@wsdot.wa.gov). Please reference recruitment number **2011-EMS-002**.

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