



CEO Job Posting

Only one community can be the birthplace and host of the world headquarters for the #1 on the Fortune 100. There can only be one “mountain biking capital of the world”. Few cities of 60,000 residents can claim a truly world class art museum, share the region with the country’s largest over-the-road carrier, the world’s largest protein producer, and a top-ranked business school. Only one community can claim all of this: Bentonville, Arkansas!

The Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce is searching for our next CEO. This role will blend economic development, workforce development, legislative advocacy, and member-programming with truly unique and dynamic forces, partnering with leaders from the world’s most recognized and admired companies, private and community foundations, leaders in private and public education, and other community organizations with the shared goal of a vibrant, growing and healthy community.

We are the voice, advocate, and program development capacity for a vibrant small business and VC startup community. Because we have strategic relationships with organizations like Visit Bentonville (Tourism) and Downtown Bentonville, Inc. (Events), our design is small, nimble, and strategically focused on economic and workforce development and innovation at the leading edge. Business as usual for us is anything but the usual.

Successful candidates will recognize and value this blend which will demand an approach that takes on common priorities in the most uncommon of environments.

Year One Critical Goals: with support from the Executive Committee, Board & Staff

- Leadership transition into Chamber and the community
- Facilitate and steward a clear vision for the future of the Chamber
- Oversee a strategic planning process with measurable goals and quantifiable impact
- Develop and engage key community relationships & build member confidence in new leadership
- Engage key community partners (e.g., Northwest Arkansas Council, Runway Group, city administration) and establish core priorities and focus for each partner.
- Develop and nurture an inclusive and unique internal culture within the Chamber team, that extends to the Board, its members, and the community
- Review budget and meet budget goals
- Review programs and events to maximize and enhance member value and Chamber revenue
- Lead and inspire the Chamber staff and develop job descriptions with measurable goals

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Key Community Relationships Include:

- Arkansas World Trade Center
- Bentonville Public Schools
- Chambers of Commerce in Rogers-Lowell, Springdale, Fayetteville
- City of Bentonville
- The Collaborative, University of Arkansas
- Downtown Bentonville, Inc.
- Northwest Arkansas Community College
- Northwest Arkansas Council
- Northwest Arkansas National Airport
- Runway Group
- Visit Bentonville
- Walton Family Foundation, Home Region

Compensation

A competitive compensation package will be shared with qualified candidates.

Application Process

The Chamber has partnered with C3 Advisors, LLC to administer our process. Please submit a current resume and cover letter to support@c3adv.com.

About the Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is the premier advocacy for business. We work daily to promote a healthy, vibrant economy while protecting and advancing the interest of our members and the community as a whole. We work in conjunction with citizens, businesses and our educational and governmental partners to improve their quality of life and we are very active in business expansion efforts. We bring businesses together to collectively accomplish what no business professional can achieve alone.

The Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role in the community and economic development of Northwest Arkansas for nearly a century. The Bentonville Chamber was formed in 1926 and became the Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1979. The name changed to Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce in 2017. The Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Arkansas State Chamber and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is an independent, non-profit business organization representing the Bentonville area communities. It aligns itself with more than 1,000 businesses in the area. It's governed by a 19-member board of directors who represent the wide range of businesses among the organization's membership.

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The Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to building and maintaining a culturally diverse workplace. We encourage women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and veterans to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, status of protected veteran, among other things or status as a qualified individual with a disability.

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