

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Lewis County, Washington

Salary Range: \$136,394 - \$183,434

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Lewis County, located in the scenic heart of Southwest Washington, is seeking a dynamic and experienced leader for the position of Public Works Director. This is a rare opportunity to make a lasting impact on the county's growth and development as part of a skilled team of professionals committed to maintaining and improving the region's infrastructure.

THE LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY

Nestled halfway between Seattle and Portland, Lewis County offers a unique blend of world-class outdoor adventures with easy access to vibrant city life.

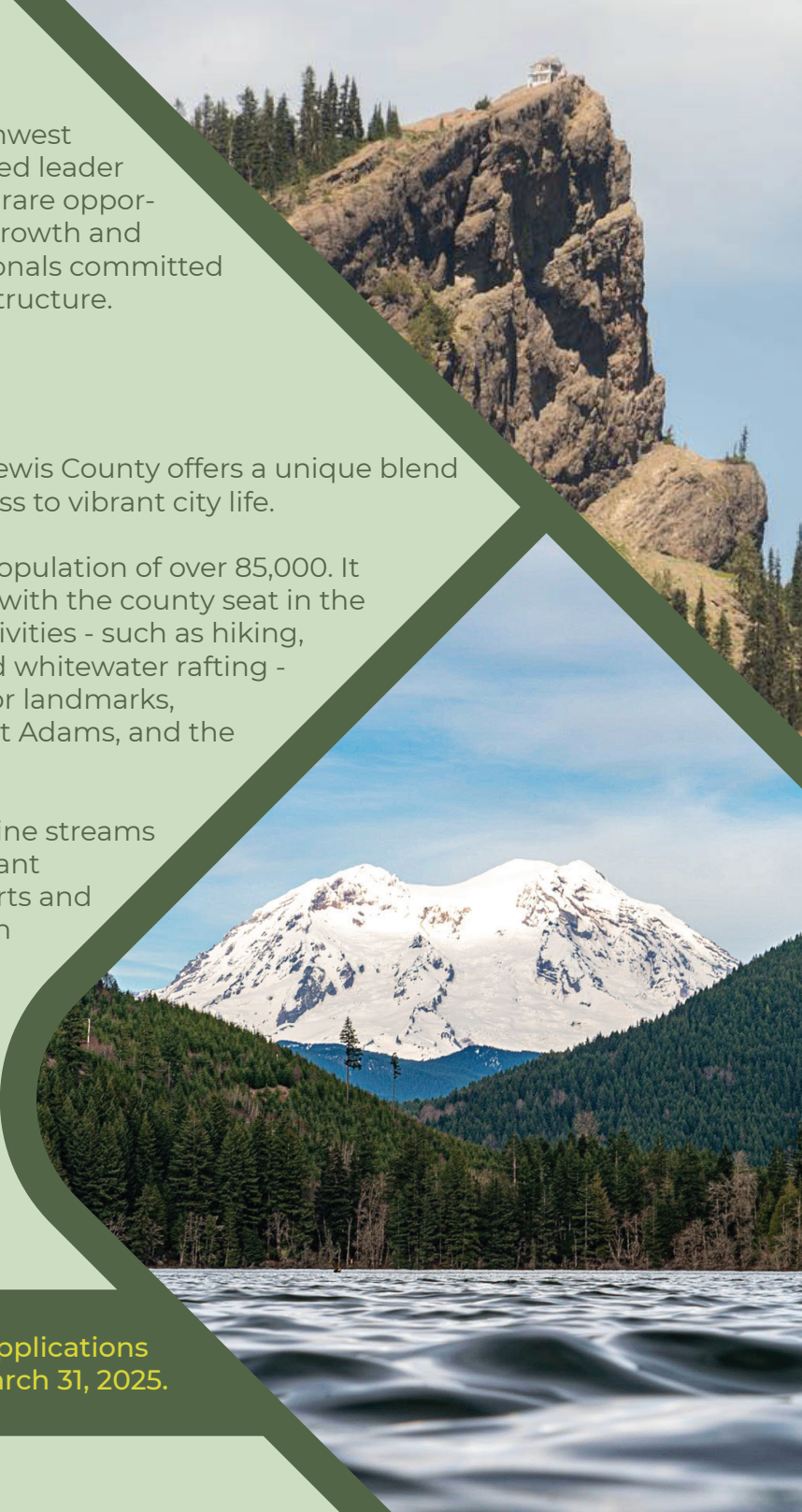
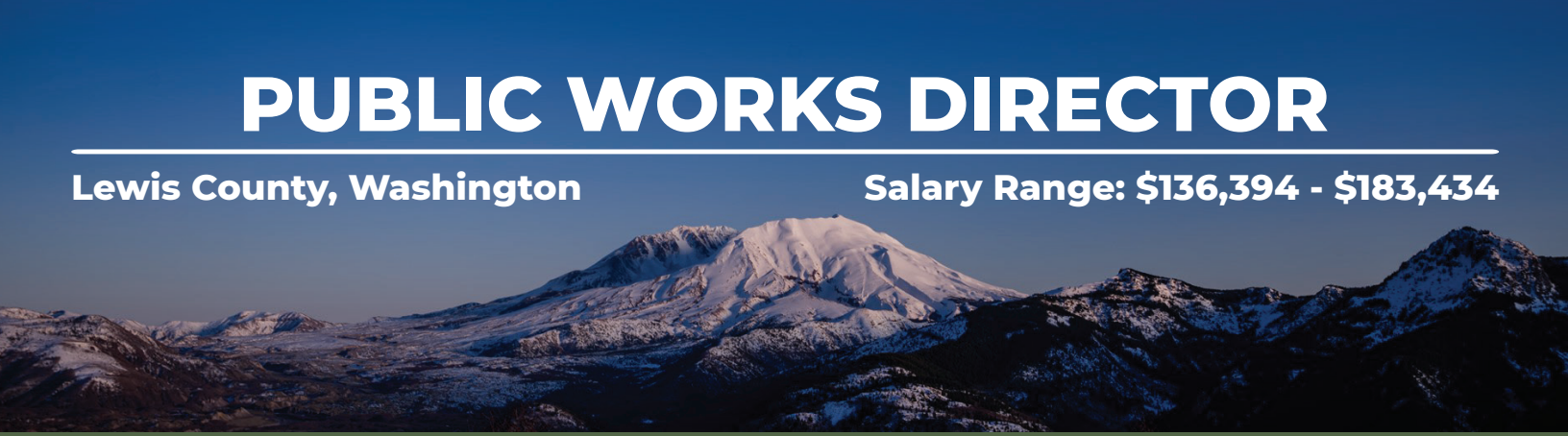
The county spans 2,408 square miles and has a population of over 85,000. It features two major cities, Centralia and Chehalis, with the county seat in the latter. The area offers a wide range of outdoor activities - such as hiking, skiing, fishing, hunting, cycling, hang gliding, and whitewater rafting - as well as easy access to ocean beaches and major landmarks, including Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

In addition to its thickly forested wilderness, pristine streams and lush volcanic valleys, Lewis County has a vibrant cultural scene, with theater performances, concerts and annual events such as the Southwest Washington Fair, Garlic Fest and Summerfest. The county also boasts three public golf courses, multiple entertainment options, and a robust school system, including Centralia College.

For more information about Lewis County, visit our website at www.lewiscountywa.gov and review our Long-Range Strategic Plan.



First review of applications
will take place March 31, 2025.





The Department

Lewis County Public Works' primary responsibilities are the maintenance and construction of the county road network and the operation of the solid waste utility. The department has seven main divisions: Administration, Engineering Services, Traffic, Maintenance & Operations, Real Estate Services, Utilities, and Solid Waste.

The department, which oversees 1,053 miles of roads and 197 bridges, embraces an organizational culture that encourages individual responsibility and fosters teamwork. Thanks to the hard work, dedication and great pride displayed by each employee, the roads are safer and the environment is cleaner in Lewis County.

The Position

The Public Works Director guides a team of over 150 employees in addressing community needs, prioritizing infrastructure projects, and fostering continuous improvement.

The Director works under the Board of County Commissioners and reports directly to the County Manager. The Director has considerable latitude for independent judgment and decision-making and maintains full responsibility and authority for organizing, directing, and coordinating the department's activities and operations.

The Public Works Director oversees planning, staff development, resource management, and fiscal practices, ensuring project completion in compliance with county, state and federal regulations. The Director serves as an adviser to the County Manager and Commissioners, keeping them informed on key matters and facilitating discussion on critical issues.

Education and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, Business Administration, or related field (Master's Degree is preferred).
- Five (5) years of senior level administrative and managerial experience associated with public works functions, including three (3) years of extensive supervisory experience; OR an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Registration as a Professional Engineer with the Washington State Board of Registration or by the technical board of another state is preferred.
- A valid driver's license is required.



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HOW TO APPLY:

- Applicants must email their Resume and Cover Letter to HR@lewiscountywa.gov to be considered for this position.
- A complete job description and benefit information can be found at jobs.lewiscountywa.gov.
- First review of applications will take place March 31, 2025. Interested parties should submit their materials prior to that date.