



Proposal

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City Manager Recruitment Services

City of Breezy Point, Minnesota

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Cover Letter

Oct 25, 2024

Deb Runksmeier, Deputy City Clerk
City of Breezy Point
8319 Co. Rd. 11
Breezy Point, MN 56472



RE: PROPOSAL FOR CITY MANAGER

Dear Ms. Runksmeier:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal for the City Manager recruitment and selection process for the City of Breezy Point (City). Our proposal provides the City with firm qualifications, key experience, a detailed work plan and timeline, and associated fees to provide services that exceed expectations. We provide a tailored, personal approach to executive recruitment and selection, and can adapt to your specific requirements for the position.

MGT Impact Solutions, LLC (MGT) is a nationally respected leader in public sector management consulting and technology services with a long track record in support of state, local, and education clients. MGT takes the next step in offering integrated solutions that can accelerate our most important goal: dramatically improving lives by **advancing and lifting up the communities we serve**.

Our consultants have worked in all areas of local government leadership including city/county management, human resources, public safety, finance, public works, parks and recreation, and utilities. This combined hands-on knowledge and experience has made MGT a proven leader in public sector consulting.

MGT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal to City of Breezy Point. Should you have questions on any aspect of this proposal, please contact **Michele Morawski** at **224.415.3791** or **mmorawski@mgt.us**.

Regards,

Patrick J. Dyer, Vice President
Authorized to bind the firm





Firm Profile

Impacting communities for good.

MGT brings **50 years** of experience driving positive social change and performance in education, government, nonprofits, and critical infrastructure/private industries through **assisting clients to strengthen their foundation, change systematically, and enable resiliencies for long-lasting change**. Since inception, MGT has significantly grown in size and capacity – working with state and local governments and education partners. Today, we bring a team of over **900 professionals** who offer in-depth market knowledge and understanding so we can hit the ground running.

MGT is a privately held, employee-owned and financially stable limited liability company with a deep roster of staff and a commitment to serving the public. Our clients care about addressing the world's most-pressing problems, and so do we. Their "why" is our why.

What sets us apart is our ability to customize and offer individualized support but also the resources of a larger infrastructure to enable flexibility in impacting to-scale. Throughout our history, MGT has successfully delivered more than **30,000 projects** through a thoughtful balance of balancing the "immediate" needs while changing systems to plan for future resilience and success.

Our Commitment

MGT embraces the most complex challenges on the leadership agenda, with deep commitment, agility, and local expertise to make a measurable and profound impact. Simply stated, **We are impacting communities for good.**

MGT | FIRST LOOK

Name: MGT Impact Solutions, LLC (MGT)

Locations: Headquarters in Tampa, FL; branch offices nationwide

Cooperative Contracts:

Allied States Cooperative (ASC) #23-7449, #24-7484

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) #220601, #220802, #230105

Structure: Privately held, employee-owned, client-driven Limited Liability Company

Lines of Business: Strategy and Implementation, Performance and Operations, IT Infrastructure, and Cyber Security and Resilience for public sector and commercial companies.



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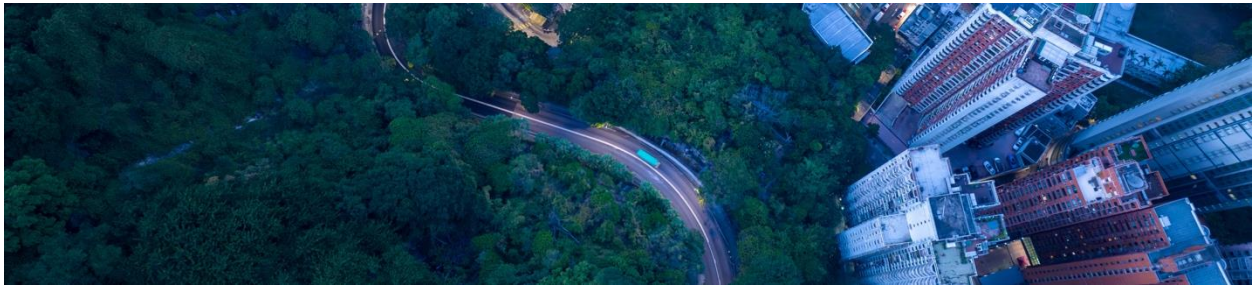
A Social Impact Commitment

DEFINED BY IMPACT

Making a profound impact on society is at the heart of who we are and what we do. City of Breezy Point should be proud to make a difference in the lives of the citizens in your community, and we are proud to work with you toward this goal. Our team empowers organizations through innovations in people, processes, and technology to lift and strengthen your solutions.

MGT's Expertise

Our firm includes more than **900 professionals**, structured into the following primary groups, along with various internal infrastructure groups to support our operations and growth.



Strategy & Implementation

Working alongside an organization's C-suite, we help leaders co-create strategy through organizational reviews and data analytics to create actionable roadmaps for success.



IT Infrastructure & Digital

We provide engineering expertise to modernize IT infrastructure and ensure your technology implementation is properly designed, integrated, modernized, and maintained.



Cyber Security & Resilience

From real-time, 24/7 monitoring to proactive threat detection and rapid incident response, we can give you the tools to heighten your network's security posture and keep it there.



Performance & Operations

Bridging the gap between strategy and enduring change, we support efficient revenue allocation, promote economic development, and create fairness in hiring and contracting systems.



Our MGT Vision

To achieve our mission of being the social impact and performance leader in our industry, we are continuously improving to earn the privilege of being selected as our clients' partner of choice in the mission-critical domains we impact. By elevating education systems, managing and securing critical networks, solving complex human capital and fiscal problems, and advancing equity as a performance imperative, we can impact communities, for good through client partnership.

We deliver these solutions through our "three-point stance" of technology, education, and performance offerings. With our long-term vision of creating profound social impact through client performance, we seek out the "best of the best" to join us in our work supporting clients' top priorities.

Markets we serve:

- Higher Education
- Prek-12
- Government
- Nonprofits
- Commercial Industries

PEOPLE



We believe in the power of connecting people and ideas which solve mission-critical, complex challenges to foster a trusted connection with our clients...for life.

PURPOSE



We are led by a transformative movement, fueled by people, innovation, and solutions designed to provide enduring opportunities for prosperity and well-being.

PERFORMANCE



We partner with clients to advance learning outcomes, reduce operational costs, recover revenue, improve workflows, and provide resilient and hardened technology networks and infrastructure.



Our Team

The success of a consulting engagement is founded on the qualifications of the project team and the way in which it is structured and managed.

MGT employs a team of professionals with backgrounds in local government and the not-for-profit sector. With the City's staffing needs in mind and due to the significance of this recruitment, we have assigned our highly knowledgeable and experienced consultant, Mike Brethorst. He will act as your project manager and primary point of contact for this project. All project managers are supported by our Recruitment Team Leader, as well as a recruitment coordinator and reference specialist. Depending on availability at the time a contract is awarded, MGT reserves the right to assign another project manager to ensure the recruitment is completed within an appropriate time frame. Staff biographies are attached as **Appendix A**.

Project Manager & Main Point of Contact



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Why Choose MGT?

- ✓ **Unparalleled Expertise and Level of Service.** With executive recruitment experience in 44 states, and in communities ranging in population from 1,000 to 3,000,000, we are a leader in the field of local government recruitment and selection. More than 40% of our clients are repeat clients, and 94% of surveys show our overall performance rating as **Outstanding** – indicating a plan to use our services and/or highly recommend us in the future.
- ✓ **Delivering the Best.** We conduct comprehensive **due diligence** on candidates. Our state-of-the-art process includes extensive use of social media for candidate outreach and video interviews with potential finalist candidates, ensuring successful recruitment for the City. We will provide important information to potential candidates by developing a high quality, thorough Recruitment Brochure reflecting the knowledge we will have about your community and your organization. Before we recommend a candidate to you, **we ask probing questions** that will verify their expertise during video interviews, reference calls, and news and social media searches.
- ✓ **A Partner from Start to Finish.** We are your partners in this important process. We welcome you to review all the resumes we receive, and we will share our honest assessment of the candidates. Our goal is your **complete satisfaction**. We can strategize with you on a variety of approaches for meeting your recruiting needs, including evaluation of internal candidates, identification of non-traditional candidates who meet your recruitment requirements, succession planning, and mentoring options. We are committed to working with you until you find the candidate that is the best fit for your position.
- ✓ **Services for Any Budget and Any Search.** We strive to meet the specific needs of our clients by offering several options for recruitment services to meet your budget. Our services range from Full Executive Recruitments to Virtual Recruitments and even simply Professional Outreach for those who want to reach a broader network. In the following proposal, we have provided the scope we believe **best fits your needs**.

Success Stories

"We were very impressed by how efficient they worked, their methodology, their insight, and their professionalism.

I would highly recommend MGT and hope to do business with them again for our next study."





Project Approach & Methodology

A detailed plan specifically designed for you.

Project Understanding

A typical recruitment and selection process takes approximately 175 hours to conduct. At least 50 hours of this time is administrative, including advertisement placement, reference interviews, and due diligence on candidates. We believe our experience and ability to professionally administer your recruitment will provide you with a diverse pool of highly qualified candidates for your position search.

Our clients are informed of the progress of their recruitment throughout the entire process. We are always available by mobile phone or email should you have a question or need information about the recruitment.



Success Stories

"The coordination by the consultant helped to alleviate the workload of internal staff. Consultant was willing to customize the process based on the City's needs."

Proposed Work Plan

PHASE 1

POSITION ASSESSMENT, POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT, & BROCHURE

Activities

MGT treats each executive recruitment as a transparent partnership with our client. We believe in engaging with stakeholders early in each recruitment process to fully understand the challenges and opportunities inherent in the position. Understanding the organizational culture is critical to successful recruitment. We gain this insight and information through meetings (one on one and in small groups), surveys, and a review of relevant information. This information is reflected in a polished marketing piece that showcases the organization and the area it serves.

INFORMATION GATHERING

- One-on-one or group interviews with stakeholders identified by the City.
- Community forums (in-person or via video) can be used to gather input and feedback.
- Surveys can be used for department personnel and/or the community to gather feedback.
- Conversations/interviews with department heads.

A combination of the items listed above can be used to fully understand community and organizational needs and expectations for the position (this proposal includes 12 hours of meetings – additional meetings can be added for a fee of \$195/hour plus actual expenses if

incurred). One organizational survey is included. A Community Survey can be conducted for \$2,500. Community Forums are conducted as an optional service.

Development of a **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT** to be placed on websites and social media.

Development of a thorough **RECRUITMENT BROCHURE** for City review and approval.

Agreement on a detailed **RECRUITMENT TIMETABLE** – a typical recruitment takes between 90 to 120 days from the time you sign the contract to the appointment of the finalist candidate.

PHASE 2

ADVERTISING, CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT, & OUTREACH

Activities

We make extensive use of social media as well as traditional outreach methods to ensure a diverse and highly qualified pool of candidates. Our website is well known in the local government industry – we typically have 17,000+ visits monthly to our website and career center. Additionally, our weekly jobs listings are sent to over 8,000 subscribers.

Phase 2 will include the following:

- MGT consultants will personally identify and contact potential candidates.
- Develop a database of potential candidates from across the country unique to the position and to the City, focusing on:
 - Leadership and management skills.
 - Size of organization.
 - Experience in addressing challenges and opportunities also outlined in Phase 1.
 - The database will range from several hundred to thousands of names. An email campaign will be sent to each potential candidate.
- Placement of the Position Announcement:
 - Public sector online Career Centers.
 - **Social media:** LinkedIn (posted on MGT Executives LinkedIn news feeds to reach over 50,000 connections), Facebook, and Instagram.
 - MGT will provide the City with a list of advertising options for approval.

PHASE 3

CANDIDATE EVALUATION & SCREENING

Activities

Phase 3 will include the following steps:

- Review and evaluation of candidates' credentials with consideration to the criteria outlined in the Recruitment Brochure.
- Candidates will be narrowed down to those that meet the qualification criteria.
- Candidate evaluation process:
 - Completion of a questionnaire explaining prior work experience.

PROJECT APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

- Live Video Interview (45 minutes to 1 hour) conducted by consultant with each finalist candidate.
- References provided by the candidate are contacted.
- Internet/Social Media search conducted on each finalist candidate.

All resumes will be acknowledged and inquiries from candidates will be personally handled by MGT, ensuring the City's process is professional and well regarded by all who participate.

PHASE 4 PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

Activities

Phase 4 will include the following steps:

- MGT will prepare a Recruitment Report presenting the credentials of those candidates most qualified for the position.
- MGT will provide an electronic recruitment portfolio which contains the candidates' materials along with a "mini" resume for each candidate so that credentials are presented in a uniform way.
- The City will receive a log of all applicants and may review resumes if requested.
- Report will arrive in advance of the Recruitment Report Presentation.

MGT will meet with the City to review the recruitment report and provide additional information on the candidates.

PHASE 5 INTERVIEWING PROCESS & BACKGROUND SCREENING

Activities

Phase 5 will include MGT completing the following steps:

- Develop the first and second round interview questions for City review and comment.
- Coordinate candidate travel and accommodations.
- Provide City with an electronic file that includes:
 - Candidates' credentials.
 - Set of questions with room for interviewers to make notes.
 - Evaluation sheets to assist interviewers in assessing the candidate's skills and abilities.

Background screening will be conducted along with additional references contacted:

MGT BACKGROUND SCREENING

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| ✓ Social Security Trace & Verification | ✓ County/Statewide Criminal |
| ✓ US Federal Criminal Search | ✓ Civil Search |
| ✓ Enhanced Verified National Criminal | ✓ Bankruptcy, Liens, and Judgements |
| – National Sex Offender Registry | ✓ Motor Vehicle Record |
| – Most Wanted Lists: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Interpol | ✓ Education Verification – All Degrees Earned |
| – Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Terrorist Database Search | Optional: Credit Report – Transunion with score (based on position and state laws) |
| – Office of the Inspector General (OIG), General Services Administration (GSA), System for Award Management (SAM), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) | Optional: |
| – All felonies and misdemeanors reported to the National Database | – Professional License Verification |
| | – Drug Screen |
| | – Employment Verification |

MGT will work with you to develop an interview schedule for the candidates and coordinate travel and accommodations. MGT consultants will be present for all the interviews, serving as a resource and facilitator.

MGT will coordinate a 2-Step Interview process. The first-round interviews will include four to five candidates. The second-round interviews will include two or three candidates. MGT will supply interview questions and an evaluation form.

In addition to a structured interview, the schedule can incorporate:

- Tour of City facilities.
- Interviews with senior staff.

PHASE 6 APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE

Activities

- MGT will assist you as much as requested with the salary and benefit negotiations and drafting of an employment agreement, if appropriate.
- MGT will notify all applicants of the final appointment, providing professional background information on the successful candidate.

Project Timeline

Based on our experience in conducting similar projects, we anticipate the proposed project can be completed within 14 weeks of project initiation as illustrated in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1. Proposed Schedule

WORK PLAN TASKS	WEEK													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Phase 1: Position Assessment, Position Announcement, & Brochure														
Phase 2: Advertising, Candidate Recruitment, & Outreach														
Phase 3: Candidate Evaluation & Screening														
Phase 4: Presentation of Recommended Candidates														
Phase 5: Interviewing Process & Background Screening														
Phase 6: Appointment of Candidate														

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Recruitments

MGT is a leader in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) consulting services, strategic planning, and organization transformation. MGT's experience working in diverse communities across the United States and working with organizations seeking to change organization culture is critical to the success of all our projects. We have a track record of building awareness, solutions, and direction for systemic change by generating transformative ideas and solutions, information, and practices into operational strategies, which help us stand out in all our projects.

MGT is also one of the original and premier disparity research firms in the country. Disparity studies were the first instance of bringing principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion into the public sector, through the procurement process, and since 1990, **MGT has conducted more than 230 public sector disparity studies**. These studies are designed to improve procurement departments, promote and advance equity, and improve economic outcomes for diverse communities that have been historically marginalized by analyzing policies, practices, and programs to increase the utilization of minority- and women-owned businesses. Clients that have conducted a disparity study are in the unique position to increase and improve systematic equity through procurement and contracting, which can ultimately promote economic empowerment by creating strong business and employment pipelines in communities of color.

MGT also has a long-standing commitment to DEI. Since the firm's inception they have supported, with their time and financial resources, organizations that advance underrepresented populations in local government. These include the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Local Government Hispanic Network, The League of Women in Government, and CivicPride. Our Team Members have moderated and spoken on DEI topics at the International City and County Management Association conference and state conferences. Our employees and consultants have undergone Implicit Bias Training, and we are frequent

speakers on incorporating equity and inclusion into all levels of local government. Additionally, we provide a list of DEI resources on the homepage of the website at mgt.us.

MGT has formally partnered with the National Forum for Black Public Administrators' consulting arm, i4x, and in several recruitment and selection processes throughout the country including Toledo, OH; Fort Collins, CO; Ann Arbor, MI; Oakland, MI; and Arlington, TX. Our partnership reflects our mutual commitment to advancing DEI values and increasing the diversity of local government leaders at the highest levels of local government organizations.

MGT's Recommendations to RECRUIT and Retain Top Talent

RESPONSIVE: ROLL OUT THE WELCOME MAT! Candidates may struggle with relocating for a new position as well as being concerned about the “fit” with a new team. It is important to include costs for your top candidate(s) to travel to your location for the final interview process. Our team will work with you to create a welcoming, informative experience for both you and the candidate(s).

ENCOURAGING: Employee development is a must-have in today's market. Candidates appreciate their employer investing in them as much as they are investing themselves in the job. Consider “up and coming” candidates who may lack one or two preferred skills and assign a mentor or invest in a course to encourage their professional development. A mentor/training program will also help establish a peer-to-peer connection and make them feel more comfortable about the transition to a new job.

COMPETITIVE: Our team will guide you in offering a competitive market rate compensation and competitive benefits package attractive to today's candidates. Competitive employers must include relocation expenses and should consider signing bonuses and temporary housing.

RESOURCEFUL: Review your job description – do you need public sector experience? Are the years' experience you list essential, or can that be preferred? Consider a more resourceful approach when reviewing candidates' experience. Carefully assess requirements such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Professional Engineer, and others that will limit your talent pool – consider using the word “ideally” or “preferably.”

UNDERSTANDING: These past few years have, without a doubt, changed the work environment. Competitive employers have recognized this and are offering flexible/hybrid/remote work options. Those positions that offer this type of flexibility consistently receive a better candidate response rate.

INNOVATIVE: Think about what is unique and attractive about your community and organization and highlight that in your recruitment efforts. Talk about organizational culture and what your values are with respect to your employees. MGT will assist you in being as innovative as possible in your outreach.

TRANSPARENT: Some states now mandate listing salary ranges in any job advertisements or postings. More and more companies are showing at least a salary range in their postings to promote pay transparency and equity. Post the salary range you will use for hiring – it is public information. If we make it too difficult for candidates to find out the salary, they will move on to the next opportunity.



Cost Proposal

*Defined by Impact. Driven by People.
Dedicated to the Community.*

We take pride in customizing our client's needs — and we will work with you to ensure our fees are aligned with your expectations and budget.

Full Scope Recruitment

Summary of Costs	Price
Recruitment Fee	\$21,500
Recruitment Expenses (not to exceed) Expenses include candidate due diligence efforts	\$1,500
Advertising <i>*Advertising costs over \$2,000 will be placed only with client approval. If less than \$2,000, Client is only billed for actual cost.</i>	\$2,000*
TOTAL:	\$25,000**

***Consultant travel expenses are not included in the price proposal. If the consultant is requested to travel to the client, travel costs will be estimated at time of request. Only actual expenses will be billed to the City for reimbursement.*

Possible in-person meetings could include:

- Recruitment brochure interview process
- Presentation of recommended candidates
- Interview Process

Any additional consultant visits requested by the City (beyond the three visits listed above) will be billed at \$195/hour. The additional visits may also result in an increase in the travel expenses billed.

*This fee does not include travel and accommodation for candidates interviewed.

Payment for Fees & Services

- **1st Invoice:** Contract Award (40% of the Recruitment Fee).
- **2nd Invoice:** Presentation of Candidates (40% of the Recruitment Fee & expenses incurred to date).
- **Final Invoice:** Completion of Recruitment (20% of the Recruitment Fee plus all remaining expenses).

Payment of invoices is due within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Our Guarantee – Full Scope Recruitment

MGT is committed to assisting our clients until a candidate is appointed to the position. Therefore, no additional professional fee will be incurred if the client does not select from the initial group of recommended candidates and requests additional candidates be developed for interview consideration. If additional advertising beyond Phase I advertising is requested, the City will be billed for actual advertising charges. Reimbursable expenses may be incurred should the recruitment process require consultant travel to the City.

Upon appointment of a candidate, MGT provides the following guarantee: should the selected and appointed candidate, at the request of the City or the employee's own determination, leave the employ of the City within the first 12 months of appointment, we will, if desired, conduct one additional recruitment for the cost of expenses and announcements only. This request must be made within six months of the employee's departure.



Optional Services

The Nation's Recruitment Leader.

Having a solid plan in place is the only way to reach your long-term vision and goals, and we want to see you thrive. Our variety of services can be personalized to make the most of your strengths and give you an extra layer of support where you need it. We offer the following additional service offerings:

GOVTEMPSUSA

Need an Interim? GovTempsUSA, a division of MGT, specializes in the temporary placement of positions in local government. The firm offers short-term assignments in addition to long-term and outsourced arrangements. Our placement professionals at GovTempsUSA have typically enjoyed distinguished careers in local government and displayed a commitment to public service throughout their careers.

RECORDED ONE-WAY VIDEO INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES

Candidates we recommend for your consideration can complete a one-way video interview with three to five questions that will be recorded and which you can review electronically at your convenience. This can occur prior to making your decision on which candidates to invite for an interview at a cost of \$100 per candidate.

LEADERSHIP/PERSONALITY TESTING

MGT has experience working with a wide variety of leadership and personality assessment tools, depending on the qualities and experiences the City is seeking in their candidates. These include but are not limited to Luminaspark, Caliper, DISC, and others. Depending on the evaluation type, selected fees can range between \$100 to \$500 per candidate.

360° EVALUATION

As a service to the City, we offer the option of providing you with a proposal for a 360° performance evaluation for the appointed position at six months into their employment. This evaluation will include seeking feedback from both elected officials and department directors, along with any other stakeholder the City feels would be relevant and beneficial. This input will be obtained on a confidential basis with comments known only to the consultant. If you are interested in this option, MGT will prepare a proposal for this service.



Appendix A. Consultant Biography

The biography of our proposed consultant is provided on the following page.



Michael Brethorst

Senior Consultant

Michael Brethorst is a seasoned municipal management professional with over 20 years of experience and a robust background in executive recruiting, strategic planning, and community engagement. As a Senior Consultant at MGT, Mike leverages his extensive expertise to offer executive recruiting, compensation studies, and mentorship. His career has spanned various high-impact roles, including Chief Administrative Officer, Director, and Chief of Staff. A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Army National Guard with 22 years of service, Mike has demonstrated leadership and dedication through multiple overseas deployments and as a Counterintelligence Special Agent.

In addition to his governmental roles, Mike actively contributes to his community as an Adjunct Professor. His experience includes managing departments such as Health and Human Services, facilities and construction, human resources, public utilities and public works, economic development, driving industrial park expansions, business retention, and downtown revitalization. Mike's commitment to professional development is evident in his mentoring of staff and young professionals. His broad experience, both domestically and internationally, showcases his ability to lead and inspire teams towards achieving significant community and organizational goals.

Areas of Expertise

- Executive Recruiting
- Strategic Planning Facilitation
- Compensation Studies
- Public Utilities and Public Works Management
- Human Resources Leadership
- Labor Relations and Negotiations
- Performance Evaluation Implementations
- Organizational Improvement

Education

- M.S., Public, Human Services and Health Administration, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN
- B.S., Public Administration, Emphasis: Community and Economic Development, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- A.A., Fergus Falls Community and Technical College
- Military: Graduate, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth

Certifications

- Just Culture Certification Graduate Certificate
- Key Public Power Account Executive (KPPAE), American Public Power Association
- Business Retention and Expansion International, Certified Consultant

Memberships & Affiliations

Minnesota City and County Management Association (MCMA),
Current Member

Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association, Minnesota

American Legion – Detroit Lakes, MN

Veteran of Foreign Wars – Detroit Lakes, MN

Melrose Chamber of Commerce

Lions – Melrose, MN; Barnesville, MN

Professional Experience

University of Minnesota, Adjunct Professor, 2022-Present

Essentia Health, Director Financial Services, 2023-2024; Senior Employee Labor Relations Specialist, 2021-2023

Becker County, Detroit Lakes, MN, County Administrator, 2019-2021

City of Melrose, MN, City Administrator, 2011-2019

Department of Veteran Affairs, Fargo, ND, Administrative Officer (AO), 2008-2011

City of Barnesville, MN, City Administrator, 2004-2008

City of Brainerd, MN, Community Development Director, 2001-2004

Ada EDA, Ada, MN, Executive Director, 1999-2001



Charlene Stevens

Vice President



Charlene Stevens brings over 20 years of municipal management expertise to her role as Vice President at MGT. With a distinguished career that spans rural, suburban, and urban settings across Minnesota, Kansas, and Pennsylvania, Charlene has led more than 80 executive recruitments nationwide. Her experience includes significant roles in civic engagement, community visioning, workforce development, and downtown revitalization. Charlene is known for her professionalism and commitment to public service. She has held numerous leadership positions throughout her career and across the country. A dedicated mentor and advocate for inclusive environments, she excels in stakeholder engagement and has successfully managed projects involving park expansions, greenspace preservation, and workforce training initiatives.

Charlene leads MGT's Recruitment Services and directly conducts recruitments and general consulting services. She is a frequent speaker at state and national conferences.

Areas of Expertise

- Executive Recruitment
- Strategic Planning
- Civic Engagement
- Community Visioning
- Community Engagement
- Staff Mentoring Programs
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Park Expansions and Greenspace Preservation
- Workforce Training Initiatives
- Municipal Management

Education

- Master of Public Administration, University of Kansas
- Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, Pomona College

Training & Instruction

- Instructor, International City and County Management Association (ICMA), Emerging Leaders Development Program and Mid-Career Institute
- Presenter and Speaker for ICMA, MCMA, and State Association and Affiliate Groups

Memberships & Affiliations

International City/County Manager Association (ICMA), Current Member, Past Regional Vice President, Past Committee and Task Force Chair

Minnesota City/County Managers Association (MCMA), Current Member

League of Minnesota Cities, Past Board Member

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Past Board Member

Women in Public Service Wichita/Sedgwick County, Kansas, Founding Member

Professional Experience

Cottage Grove, MN, City Administrator, 2015-2018

Willmar, MN, City Administrator, 2011-2015

Sedgwick County, KS, Assistant County Manager, 2006-2011

Lower Gwynedd, PA, Assistant Township Manager, 1999-2006

Buckingham, PA, Assistant Township Manager, 1997-1999

City of Wichita, KS, Neighborhood Assistant, 1995-1996



Appendix B. Client List

A list of the clients we have had the pleasure of partnering with that complements the City's recruitment request is provided on the following page.



City Management Client List 2019 to Present

State	Client	Position Title	Year	Population
Alaska	Bethel	City Manager	2019	6,500
	Bethel	City Manager	2024	6,500
	Homer	City Manager (Professional Outreach)	2019	5,300
	Homer	City Manager (Professional Outreach)	2024	5,300
	Seward	City Manager	2019	2,693
Arizona	Buckeye	City Manager	2021	69,744
	Kingman	City Manager	2023	34,669
California	Antioch	City Manager	2024	115,264
Colorado	Englewood	City Manager	2019	34,957
	Loveland	City Manager	2024	82,460
Connecticut	Bloomfield	Town Manager	2024	21,301
	East Hampton	Town Manager	2019	13,000
	Enfield	Town Manager	2022	45,246
	Granby	Town Manager	2023	11,375
	Manchester	General Manager	2021	59,710
	Simsbury	Town Manager	2023	25,517
Florida	Apopka	City Administrator	2024	55,496
	Deerfield Beach	Assistant City Manager	2022	80,000
	Fort Lauderdale	City Manager	2024	184,255
	Gainesville	Assistant City Manager	2021	133,997
	Lakeland	City Manager	2020	110,000
	Miami Beach	City Manager	2024	88,000
	Ponce Inlet	Town Manager	2022	3,411
Georgia	Albany	City Manager	2021	77,434
Illinois	Centralia	City Manager	2020	13,000
	Crest Hill	City Administrator	2021	21,169
	Decatur	Deputy City Manager	2019	76,178
	Evanston	Deputy City Manager (2)	2024	75,000
	Farmer City	City Manager	2024	1,828
	Forsyth	Village Administrator	2021	3,490
	Fox Lake	Village Administrator	2021	10,550
	Galesburg	City Manager	2022	33,706
	Galesburg	City Manager	2023	33,706
	Geneseo	City Administrator (Virtual)	2019	6,500
	Greenville	City Manager	2021	7,000
	Hanover Park	Deputy Village Manager	2024	38,510
	Homewood	Assistant Village Manager (Virtual)	2021	19,464
	Kenilworth	Village Manager	2024	2,562
	La Grange	Village Manager	2022	15,610
	La Grange Park	Assistant Village Manager	2020	13,579
	Lake Barrington	Village Administrator	2022	4,879
	Lake Bluff	Assistant to the Village Administrator	2023	5,698

	Lake Forest	Assistant City Manager (Professional Outreach)	2022	19,375
	Lake Villa	Assistant to the Village Administrator	2023	8,774
	Lisle Township	Township Administrator (Virtual)	2024	119,040
	Long Grove	Village Manager	2023	8,153
	Maryville	Village Administrator	2024	8,316
	McHenry	City Administrator	2023	27,135
	Morton Grove	Village Administrator	2024	23,500
	Mundelein	Village Administrator	2020	31,385
	Niles	Village Manager	2021	30,001
	North Chicago	Chief of Staff	2021	30,020
	Northbrook	Village Manager	2021	35,000
	Northfield	Village Manager	2023	5,400
	Oak Brook	Village Manager	2021	8,058
	Oak Park	Assistant Village Manager/Human Resources Director	2019	52,000
	Oak Park	Village Manager	2021	52,000
	Oak Park Township	Township Manager	2023	51,774
	Orland Park	Village Manager	2019	60,000
	Palos Heights	City Administrator (Virtual)	2021	12,480
	Peoria	Assistant City Manager	2021	115,234
	Pingree Grove	Village Manager	2020	10,000
	Pingree Grove	Village Manager	2023	10,000
	Plainfield	Village Administrator	2021	41,734
	Princeton	City Manager	2019	7,700
	River Forest	Village Administrator	2021	11,635
	Rock Island	City Manager	2021	39,684
	Savoy	Village Administrator (Virtual)	2020	8,607
	Schaumburg Township	Township Administrator (Virtual)	2021	140,000
	Sycamore	City Manager (Professional Outreach)	2021	18,557
	Vernon Hills	Village Manager	2021	25,911
	Villa Park	Assistant Village Manager (Virtual)	2021	22,038
	Villa Park	Village Manager	2022	22,038
	Washington	City Administrator	2021	15,700
	Wauconda	Village Administrator	2021	14,125
	West Chicago	Assistant City Administrator	2022	27,221
	West Dundee	Assistant Village Manager/Administrative Services Director (Virtual)	2024	8,000
	Willowbrook	Village Administrator	2019	8,967
	Winnetka	Assistant Village Manager	2019	12,417
Indiana	St. John	Town Manager (Professional Outreach)	2020	18,047
Iowa	Ames	Assistant City Manager (Limited)	2023	66,498
	Indianola	City Manager	2022	15,833
	Knoxville	City Manager	2021	7,300
	Marion	Deputy City Manager	2022	30,000
	Marshalltown	City Administrator	2024	27,338
	Muscatine	City Administrator	2020	23,819
	Urbandale	City Manager	2024	45,580
	Windsor Heights	City Administrator	2023	4,860

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Kentucky	Paducah	City Manager	2021	24,850
	Paris	City Manager	2021	9,846
Maine	Bangor	City Manager	2021	33,039
Maryland	Sykesville	Town Manager	2019	3,941
	Takoma Park	City Manager	2023	17,629
	Westminster	City Administrator	2021	18,522
Massachusetts	Brookline	Assistant Town Administrator - Finance (Virtual)	2022	58,732
	Wayland	Town Manager	2022	13,882
	Williamstown	Town Manager	2021	8,400
Michigan	Adrian	City Administrator	2020	20,676
	Berkley	City Manager	2024	14,970
	Charlotte	City Manager	2020	9,100
	Clawson	City Manager	2021	11,946
	Eastpointe	City Manager	2019	32,673
	Ferndale	City Manager	2019	20,428
	Laketown	Township Manager	2024	6,192
	Lincoln Park	City Manager	2019	36,665
	Rochester	City Manager	2022	13,017
	Royal Oak	City Manager	2020	59,112
	St. Clair Shores	Assistant City Manager (Professional Outreach)	2021	59,984
	Troy	Assistant City Manager	2019	83,181
	Troy	City Manager	2024	83,181
Minnesota	Becker	City Administrator	2021	4,874
	Blaine	Director of Administrative Services	2024	67,939
	Buffalo	Assistant City Administrator	2021	15,855
	Edina	Assistant City Manager (Limited)	2023	53,318
	Fairmont	City Administrator	2024	10,477
	Golden Valley	City Manager	2024	22,715
	Hibbing	City Administrator	2021	15,855
	Lindström	City Administrator	2023	4,888
	Minnetonka	City Manager	2022	53,953
	Scandia	City Administrator	2023	4,149
	St. Joseph	City Administrator	2022	7,342
	St. Louis Park	City Manager	2021	48,662
	Waconia	City Administrator	2021	13,500
Missouri	Ballwin	City Administrator	2020	30,181
	Cape Girardeau	City Manager	2020	38,000
	Jackson	City Administrator	2024	15,702
	Ozark	City Administrator	2024	21,284
	University City	Assistant City Manager	2020	35,172
	University City	Assistant to the City Manager/Director of Human Resources	2020	35,172
	Warrensburg	City Manager	2021	20,200
	Webster Groves	City Manager	2020	22,800
	Wildwood	City Manager	2019	35,524
Nebraska	Nebraska City	City Administrator	2022	7,200

Nevada	Boulder City	City Manager	2021	16,207
New Hampshire	Portsmouth	City Manager	2019	21,796
New York	Long Beach	Deputy City Manager (Virtual)	2022	33,275
	Mamaroneck (Town)	Town Administrator	2021	29,156
	New Rochelle	City Manager	2022	79,067
	Scarsdale	Village Manager	2021	17,837
North Carolina	Albemarle	City Manager	2024	16,404
	Ayden	Town Manager	2023	5,000
	Fayetteville	Assistant City Manager	2022	210,000
North Dakota	Minot	Assistant City Manager	2023	45,700
	Minot	City Manager	2020	45,700
Pennsylvania	Ferguson Township	Township Manager	2022	18,300
	Patton Township	Township Manager	2022	15,801
Tennessee	Oak Ridge	City Manager	2023	31,402
Texas	Austin	Assistant City Manager	2021	885,000
	McKinney	Assistant City Manager	2019	191,645
	Missouri City	Assistant City Manager	2019	74,139
	Missouri City	City Manager	2022	74,139
Vermont	Winooski	City Manager	2022	7,997
Virginia	Chesapeake	City Manager	2019	245,000
	Hampton	Assistant City Manager	2024	137,436
	Newport News	City Manager	2023	181,958
	Portsmouth	City Manager	2020	96,000
	Salem	City Manager	2019	25,643
	Virginia Beach	City Manager	2019	442,707
Washington	Burien	City Manager	2022	52,066
	Duvall	City Administrator (Professional Outreach)	2021	8,090
	Yakima	Assistant City Manager	2021	97,000
West Virginia	Bridgeport	City Manager	2019	8,582
	Bridgeport	City Manager	2021	8,582
Wisconsin	Baraboo	City Administrator	2019	12,048
	Bayside	Assistant Village Manager	2019	4,400
	Beaver Dam	City Administrator	2021	16,291
	Beloit (Town)	Town Administrator	2020	7,083
	Franklin	Director of Administration	2019	36,155
	Harrison	Village Manager	2021	13,185
	Lake Geneva	City Administrator	2024	7,710
	Monroe	City Administrator	2020	10,827
	Oak Creek	Assistant City Administrator/Comptroller	2020	35,243
	Oshkosh	City Manager	2024	66,700
	Plymouth	City Administrator/Utilities Manager	2020	8,540
	Port Washington	Assistant City Administrator/Human Resources Director	2022	11,250
	Sheboygan	City Administrator	2023	48,327
	Waukesha	City Administrator	2023	71,158
	Whitewater	City Manager	2022	14,300