Nestled in the heart of the Columbia Basin, seven miles south of the Columbia River and Lake Wallula, Hermiston, with a population of 19,354, is the largest City in Eastern Oregon. Long recognized as a progressive and growth-oriented area based economically on agriculture, transportation and utilities, Hermiston is also quickly becoming a hub for logistics and data center operations. Economic and job growth combined with a temperate climate, year-round recreational opportunities and an excellent school district, have made Hermiston an extremely desirable location for families, outdoor enthusiasts and upwardly mobile professionals alike.

The Parks and Recreation Department is recognized as a leader both regionally and nationally for innovation in parks and recreation programming. The Department oversees operations for 15 parks (4.60 acres of park land per 1,000 residents) in addition to 10+ miles of trails. Park facilities and amenities include the 7,000 square foot Harkenrider Senior Center, recently rebuilt Funland Playground, aquatics center, community and event centers, park shelters, basketball courts, volleyball courts, play fields, walking trails, and dog park. Recreation programming includes adult sports, youth sports, fitness, music/dance instruction, outdoor camps, swim lessons and coordination of signature events that include the Hermiston Arts Festival, Spring Bazaar and Melon Fest among others.

Hermiston is looking for their next Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director! P&R professionals with exceptional leadership skills and a passion for providing “best in class” amenities to a growing and diverse community are strongly encouraged to apply. The Director oversees a $2.1M operating budget and 27 FTE’s with an additional 70+ seasonal staff members.

A bachelor’s degree in parks and recreation administration or related field plus five years of progressively responsible parks and/or recreation experience (including one year in a supervisory role) is required. A combination of education and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job will be considered. The salary range for this position is $84,084 - $102,312 DOQ with an excellent benefits package that includes medical, dental and vision coverage through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon, enrollment in the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (with 6% City-paid employee contribution) and generous paid leave. Relocation assistance will also be considered, as applicable.

Qualified candidates are invited to apply online and submit their current resume along with a letter of introduction at <http://bit.ly/SGROpenRecruitments>. For additional information or confidential inquiries, please contact:

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