

Chief Economist

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey seeks a Chief Economist to provide strong intellectual and strategic leadership on regional economic issues for the agency.

The Port Authority is strengthening the capacity of the Planning Department in regional transportation planning and policy, economic analysis, and strategic planning in support of the agency's mission to improve regional mobility for people and goods, sharpen its economic competitiveness, and promote sustainable development. The Port Authority is a bistate public agency responsible for many of the busiest and most important trade and transportation links in one of the largest and most diversified metropolitan areas in the United States. Port Authority's facilities include airports, marine ports, bridges and tunnels, bus terminals, mass transit systems, and selected real estate developments.

The Chief Economist manages the Regional Economic Analysis Division of the Planning Department. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing and managing the agency's economic research and analysis agenda, ensuring that the agency's investment and policy choices are guided by strong economic analysis. Specific responsibilities include:

- Managing division staff in a highly effective professional manner to achieve quality results, providing staff with clear work objectives as well as appropriate feedback and ensuring that staff maintain or acquire the guidance, knowledge, resources, and tools they need to work effectively and produce high quality products.
- Overseeing the analysis and forecasts of the regional economy, as well as monitoring national and global trends, that may influence the performance of Port Authority businesses.
- Providing regular and timely advice to Executive Management on economic issues and possible implications for the Port Authority.
- Managing the preparation of reports, and giving presentations, on the regional economy for the region's stakeholders.
- Managing the application of cost-benefit analysis throughout the agency to prioritize capital projects and ensure that scarce capital resources are used to maximize the regional benefits per dollar of capital expenditures and enhance regional prosperity.
- Overseeing economic impact analyses using the Port Authority's Regional Input-Output Model and the REMI model.
- Developing and using additional decision support tools to assist in the agency's strategic planning, business planning, capital planning, and performance measurement work to advance the agency's strategic vision and guide investment and policy choices.
- Managing the provision of guidance and assistance to line businesses on forecasting issues, business planning, and long-term trends in the economy affecting their respective businesses. Overseeing the provision of data and analyses to support the Chief Financial Officer.

- Developing and maintaining collaborative working relationships with economists at public, private, academic, and not-for-profit organizations in the region.
- Encouraging innovation and knowledge sharing in an open, team-based environment.

Position Requirements:

- Postgraduate degree, preferably a Ph.D., in economics.
- Minimum of 15 years of progressively responsible experience and successful track record in applied economics.
- Excellent managerial skills, including proven ability to lead, work in teams, mentor staff, and inspire staff commitment to technical excellence and teamwork.
- Extensive knowledge of the New York-New Jersey metropolitan region's economy and demographics.
- Strong quantitative background in economic data analysis and forecasting.
- Demonstrated expertise and first-hand experience in cost-benefit analysis, economic impact analysis methodologies, econometric modeling, as well as other economic decision support tools.
- Superior ability to communicate economic ideas, orally and in writing, to a wide and varied audience.
- Experience, knowledge, or interest in transportation economics is highly desirable.

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