



THE NEW YORK CITY INDEPENDENT BUDGET OFFICE (IBO)

DIRECTOR

The Organization:

About the Independent Budget Office:

Formed as part of revisions to the New York City Charter approved by voter referendum in 1989, IBO is responsible for providing local elected officials and the public with objective information and analysis regarding the budget, fiscal implications of proposed law and policy, and information regarding projected revenues. IBO was envisioned as an independent source of budget information and analysis to inform public discourse on the city's fiscal health and resources to help elected officials and others understand and participate in the city's budget process and to support transparency in the process. Its annual budget is legally mandated to be 12.5% of the budget of the New York City Office of Management and Budget.

Consistent with its mission and pursuant to the City Charter, IBO publishes three annual reports: a fiscal outlook, which provides an independent forecast of revenue and spending for the year ahead; an analysis of the preliminary budget, which offers a comprehensive review of the Mayor's proposals; and an analysis of the executive budget that highlights changes from the preliminary plan. IBO also examines critical issues confronting the city and publishes explanations and timely information on current fiscal issues.

IBO responds to questions about the city budget and the local economy. Public officials, civic and community groups, academics, the media, and others can reach out to IBO on a wide range of questions-whether to ask about the budget of a particular agency or program, or to request more complex research and analysis on budgetary, tax, or economic issues.

IBO regularly testifies at public hearings and makes presentations to City Council committees, individual members of the City Council, Borough Presidents and other elected officials and their staffs, as well as to community boards, civic groups, and other organizations.

The Role:

Location: New York City

Position Summary:

The New York City Independent Budget Office (IBO) seeks a strategic, collaborative leader who will continue and expand upon its critical work to provide non-partisan budgetary, economic and policy analysis for New York City. A commitment to IBO's role in providing elected officials and the public with impartial analysis of the city's revenue and spending plans and related policy is essential.

Key Responsibilities:



The Director is responsible for overall direction, vision, and leadership management of the agency and its staff. The Director will guide the agency's continued success in fulfilling its Charter mandate and will sustain and amplify its relevance and impact. The Director serves as IBO's primary spokesperson and representative as it engages with local elected and appointed officials, educational institutions, civic groups, educational institutions, businesses and the media.

The Person:

The ideal candidate will be a charismatic, genuine, thoughtful and proactive leader and manager who has a strong connection to the non-partisan mission of the agency and prior senior level experience in government or the non-profit sector.

They will be:

- A credible and decisive leader with intellectual vigor, adaptability, and presence to effectively present the IBO's analysis of issues before various senior-level constituencies.
- A proven analytical and strategic thinker who anticipates challenges and trends.
- Knowledgeable about large-scale public budget and fiscal matters, including issues of credit and debt structuring in public credit markets as they may relate to New York City.
- A collaborative leader with the ability to effectively recruit, retain, manage and develop staff at all levels.
- A dynamic and effective communicator, listener and relationship builder who can serve as the primary spokesperson for the agency and maintain and expand upon relationships with local government officials.
- Committed to promoting a strong focus on diversity, equity and inclusion within IBO, ensuring that this focus permeates all aspects of the agency's operations including hiring, research, analysis and publications.
- Responsible for ensuring that infrastructure, technology, processes and systems are maintained up to date and that they consistently meet the diverse needs of staff.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Advanced degree in economics, business administration, finance, public policy, public administration, law or a related field strongly preferred.
- Candidate should have a minimum of 5-7 years of experience leading teams in a government or non-profit environment.
- New York City residency must be established within 90 days of appointment and is required for the first two years of city service, after which employees may reside in Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk or Westchester Counties.
- Foreign nationals must have a valid permanent resident card ("green card") or renewable work permit.

- IBO staff must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus by the date of hire unless a reasonable accommodation for exemption is received and approved in advance.



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The City of New York is an inclusive equal opportunity employer, committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and providing a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based upon any legally protected status or protected characteristic, including but not limited to an individual's sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, gender identity, or pregnancy.

As a current or prospective employee of the City of New York, you may be eligible for federal loan forgiveness programs and state repayment assistance programs. Please review the notice to see if you may be eligible for programs and how to apply at nyc.gov/studentloans.

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