

Call for Proposals – Editor, *Community Development*

Position to be filled August 2012

Community Development is a well-respected interdisciplinary journal on Community Development issues. The journal is internationally recognized as a high quality outlet for scholarly and applied research and practical applications of Community Development. The *Journal* is published five times per year. This schedule occasionally incorporates special issues on specific topics, edited by guest editors working with the Journal Editor. The *Journal* is published electronically and in print by Taylor & Francis. The Community Development Society is soliciting proposals for a *Journal* editor to begin operations in August 2012 with the following responsibilities:

- The new editor will work with Dr. Rhonda Phillips, who is currently serving as editor, until the end of her five-year term of service. In August 2012, the new editor will take full responsibility. The editor will produce five issues per year. All articles published in the *Journal* will undergo a standard refereeing process. The *Journal* office maintains a database of nearly 1,000 potential referees by subject.
- The *Journal* is 144 pages per issue, including 7 to 9 articles per issue, a Case Study Section, and book reviews. The *Journal* editor will work with the editor of the Practice Section and the Book Review editor.
- Criteria for the editorship are listed below and the selection will be made based on recommendations of the *Journal* search committee and communications committee to the CDS Board of Directors. The new editor will be announced by January 1, 2012 and will make a presentation to the editorial board during the annual CDS conference in July 2012.

Criteria for the administration of the Journal:

1. The *Journal* offices are located at the editor's university. The university and Editor will enter into an agreement with CDS with the following provisions:
 - a. The Editor is appointed for a five-year term. During that period, the Editor spends half of a full-time equivalent (FTE) on the editorship.
 - b. Costs of preparation, printing and distribution are paid by CDS and the publisher. CDS provides the mailing list for each issue. The publisher provides marketing and promotion in cooperation with the Editor. CDS maintains the *Journal* archives and links to the *Journal* on the CDS website.
 - c. The Journal Editor selects the Case Study Section editor and the book review editor. S/he will also select and work with the *Journal* editorial board.
2. The Editor will present a vision and respond to a set of questions about plans for the *Journal* to the search committee and to the CDS Executive Board—one that can be put into effect during the term of the Editor. S/he will also review the Marketing Plan for the *Journal* provided by Taylor & Francis.

3. Special issues are a regular part of the *Journal* publication schedule (usually two per year). The *Journal* Editor will select guest editors and work with them to compile manuscripts. The guest-edited issues will undergo the same refereeing process as other articles published in the *Journal*. The guest-editors are expected to generate \$5,000 per issue and the editor will help them seek external funding for these issues.

4. As a CDS sponsored initiative, the *Journal* must adhere to and reflect the basic principles of the Community Development Society (see www.comm-dev.org).

Criteria for the Editor of the Journal:

1. The Editor must demonstrate a widely-accepted peer-reviewed publication record representative of the quality of work, thought, and writing sought in the *Journal*. S/he must also display a personal commitment to excellence in community development research and practice.

2. The Editor must accept diverse views and schools of thought and be conversant with several disciplines involved in Community Development. The Editor must be willing to promote a balanced expression of the findings of researchers and practitioners without concentrating on specific ideologies and/or particular specialty or discipline. The *Journal* is a multi-disciplinary outlet for research and practice.

3. The Editor must show commitment to objectivity and professional standards in selecting papers and authors.

4. The Editor should have a proven track record of obtaining funding.

5. The Editor must have tenure or a tenure track academic appointment at an accredited university and demonstrate the ability to manage an office and form collegial relationships with peers and staff.

6. The ability and interest in substantive editing are required and s/he must be able to meet publishing deadlines.

Submitting a proposal

Each proposal should respond fully to both sets of criteria. It should include a statement of university support from the appropriate administrative officer and contain a proposed budget for the personnel. The proposal also should explain the criteria the editor will use for choosing the book review and practice editors. CDS is open to multiple editors as long as they can work as a team with defined responsibilities in the proposal.

Please send an electronic copy of a proposal to Norm Walzer (nwalzer@niu.edu) and Anne H. Silvis (asilvis@illinois.edu) by December 1, 2011.