**The Kentucky Horse Park Commission is seeking a strong, decisive and results-driven person for the position of Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park.**

He/She will report to the Kentucky Horse Park Commission and shall serve as liaison with the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet and the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation. The ideal candidate will have strong communication skills to appeal to all cultural levels and will be expected to present in front of legislators, community and industry leaders. Should be able to demonstrate a passion for the vision, values, and mission of the Kentucky Horse Park and be an ambassador in every encounter.

Knowledge of breeds, disciplines and the necessary infrastructure to accommodate shows is expected. The Executive Director should provide visionary leadership to guide the Kentucky Horse Park in its growth as a premier facility. He/She should have an ability to design a culture of employee engagement throughout all facets of the park and at every personnel level.  The ideal candidate will be able to exemplify the values of the Kentucky Horse Park both personally, as well as being able to instill them in all employees at the park. He/She should demonstrate the ability to serve as chief administrative and executive officer leading an agency with 125 employees at peak season and an operating budget of $12million, and manage staff consistent with sound human resources practices within the Commonwealth of Kentucky Merit system.

Salary will be commensurate with experience.

**Vision**

To be the premier event venue for equestrians and those who love and want to learn more about horses and humanity’s relationship with the horse. At the Kentucky Horse Park, visitors and exhibitors will have diverse opportunities to engage with, learn about and be enchanted by the beauty, strength and spirit of the horse.

**Mission**

To celebrate the history of our relationship with the horse through education, exhibition, engagement and competition.

**Core Values**

Health, safety and welfare of the horse

Protect green space

Hospitality

Exceptional guest service

Please forward resumes and cover letter to KHPExecutiveDirector@gmail.com to be received no later than July 31, 2021.