The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council was created by the Legislature in 1984 as a new way to approach producing official economic and revenue forecasts for the state of Washington.

The agency is charged with overseeing the preparation of and approving the official state economic and revenue forecasts which is delivered to the Governor and the Legislature on a quarterly basis. In addition the Council must submit at least two alternative forecasts based on optimistic and pessimistic projections.

A recent change to the Council is that each November, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council must submit a budget outlook document for state revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and related funds for the current biennium and the next ensuing biennium. The council must also prepare a budget outlook document for the Governor’s proposed budget and for the budget enacted by the Legislature in conjunction with the State Budget Outlook Work Group.

The Council consists of seven members, two of which are appointed by the governor, the State Treasurer and four members of the Legislature. One legislative member is appointed by the chairman of each of the two largest political caucuses in the Senate and House of Representatives. The Chair of the council is selected from among the four caucus appointees.

Accurate, reliable revenue and economic forecasts are critical to developing a balanced budget that effectively addresses the needs of Washington State citizens. We are seeking a senior-level economist with an in-depth understanding of state government budgeting process
and tax structure to supervise the development, preparation, monitoring, and coordination of all economic and revenue forecasts for Washington State. We are looking for an articulate communicator who can engage technical and non-technical audiences alike by telling the story of our state’s economic outlook.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under the support and direction of the Council, supervise the preparation of all economic and revenue forecasts and the presentation of state budget outlooks for Washington State
- Closely monitor current economic and revenue conditions and developments in order to provide policy makers with an early indication of possible deviation from the official forecast
- Oversee, develop, operate and maintain econometric models and conduct comprehensive economic and revenue studies as requested
- Prepare and present findings through written reports and public presentations to diverse audiences nationwide
- Direct all external communications including responding to legislative, agency and media requests
- Prepare monthly basis reports to the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council and Workgroup Members, comparing tax collections from all revenue agencies
- Prepare the employment growth forecast and estimated revenue from tuition fees
- Provide support to the pension funding council

CANDIDATE PROFILE

We are most interested in candidates who possess the following:
A Master’s degree in economics and at least five years professional experience in economic and tax analysis and forecasting on a state or comparable level. A PhD may be substituted for four years of experience.

- Two or more years experience leading teams of professionals.

- Expert-level knowledge of economic and tax theory, statistical research methods, economic and revenue forecasting techniques, and public finance.

- Extensive experience with the development and over-sight of demographic, econometric and simulation based forecasts of governmental variables such as population, employment, and tax revenues.

- Outstanding written and oral communications skills with the ability to communicate with people at all levels and deliver public presentations to diverse audiences.

- Proven ability to build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders such as state agencies, the Legislature, businesses and professional organizations.

- An understanding of governance at the state level including the state budgeting process and tax structure.

- Experience working with boards, commissions, legislative committees or other executive committees, and demonstrated ability to work with legislators and other policy makers.

**ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR WASHINGTON**

We offer a total work/life package of pay, benefits, flexibility and workplace opportunities to help you get the most out of your career and out of life.

**LIVE AND WORK IN A GREAT STATE**

Washington State is a great place to work, play, and be a part of a community. Washington offers a quality of life that is unsurpassed. From the high-energy urban center of Seattle, one of the nation’s top-ranked cities, to the more relaxed pace of our rural communities, Washington’s distinctive Northwest lifestyle blends a progressive, creative culture with a casual nature.

**ECONOMIC DIVERSITY**

Washington’s economy is a diverse blend of technology, aerospace, health care, agriculture, trade, tourism, forestry, and fishing. The spirit of innovation that nurtured companies like Microsoft, Starbucks, and Amazon.com is alive and well. Our leadership in biotechnology has made Washington one of the fastest growing research centers in the world.

**EDUCATION**

Washington’s education system is strong. The state’s high school graduation rate is among the top 10 in the nation. The state boasts six public universities, more than 30 private four-year institutions, and more than 30 community and technical colleges.

**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

From Seattle’s lively music scene, elegant theaters, and ballet companies to local festivals, cultural and entertainment opportunities abound.

Seattle is home to professional sport franchises including the
National Football League’s Seattle Seahawks, Major League Baseball’s Seattle Mariners, the National Basketball Association’s Seattle Storm and the Seattle Sounders Soccer Team.

People come from all over the world to take in Washington’s breathtaking natural beauty and participate in our limitless outdoor recreation opportunities. In Washington, you are never more than a few hours drive to picturesque coastal beaches, dense rain forests, spectacular Mt. Rainier, or stunning wine country. Washington delivers as one of the most scenic and diverse states in the nation.

TOTAL COMPENSATION
Your paycheck is just part of your total compensation package. Employees also have access to an outstanding employee benefits package worth about 30 percent of your salary.

INSURANCE
As a state employee, you and your family could choose to be covered by one of the state’s medical, dental, and vision insurance plans. Basic life and long-term disability insurance plans are also provided by the state. Additional insurance coverage, like auto insurance, is available to state employees at reduced rates.

RETIREMENT
We offer a competitive retirement plan, which includes employer contributions. In addition, employees may participate in a Deferred Compensation program for tax-deferred retirement investment.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT
State employees have the opportunity to participate in an IRS-approved tax-exempt account that saves you money on eligible medical expenses.

DEPENDENT CARE
The Dependent Care Assistance Program provides a simple way to pay your dependent care expenses and reduce your income tax liability.

VACATION AND LEAVE
Leave benefits include 12-22 days of vacation per year; 11 paid holidays; 12 days of paid sick leave per year; newborn, adoptive, and emergency child care leave; bereavement leave, leave without pay for maternity and education; paid leave for jury or other civil duties and leave for military service.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
Employees may seek confidential, professional help with personal problems through the Employee Assistance Program.