



Director of IAAEA

Iowa Association of Area Education Agencies (IAAEA)

The Iowa Association of Area Education Agencies (IAAEA) is seeking an accomplished educational leader to serve as Director of IAAEA. This statewide leadership position provides strategic, operational, fiscal, and organizational oversight for the Association and supports coordinated leadership across Iowa's Area Education Agency system.

The Director serves as a key partner to the IAAEA Board, chief administrators, system leaders, vendors, and statewide stakeholders. The position is responsible for advancing organizational priorities, ensuring effective governance and fiscal stewardship, supporting compliance with state and federal requirements, and maintaining strong alignment across statewide initiatives.

Primary responsibilities include facilitating the IAAEA Board, overseeing the statewide IAAEA budget, supervising staff, managing contracts and memoranda of understanding, and ensuring organizational, vendor, and project deliverables are completed accurately, on schedule, and in alignment with strategic priorities. The Director also supports innovation, researches emerging opportunities, and helps position the AEA system to effectively mobilize resources in support of statewide goals.

Qualifications include a master's degree, with an advanced degree preferred. A Professional Administrator License is required, with a PreK-12 Superintendent/AEA Administrator endorsement preferred. Candidates should bring significant leadership experience and a demonstrated record of successfully managing complex systems, budgets, partnerships, and large-scale initiatives. Knowledge of Iowa accountability systems, including IDEA-DA and ESSA, is strongly preferred.

Contract & Compensation: This is a part-time leadership position with a contract of up to 48 days per year, generally averaging approximately 4 days per month or 1 day per week. Compensation is expected to range from \$30,000-\$48,000 annually, based on the number of contract days worked.

The position reports to the Lead Chief Administrator and requires regular collaboration with AEA chief administrators and system partners. Statewide travel may be required.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

For a complete description of responsibilities, qualifications, and working conditions, please refer to the full Director of IAAEA position description.

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