



Job Description

Job Title: Vice President of Operations
Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, Hybrid Work Schedule Available
Department: Operations
Reports to: President & Chief Executive Officer
Location: Meridian, ID
Apply: <https://idahofoodbank.org/about/employment/>

JOB SUMMARY:

This position provides overall statewide leadership for the collection, receipt, storage, and distribution of food products through The Idaho Foodbank (IFB) network of 400+ partner agencies. Oversees inventory control, ERP software procedures, transportation, safe food handling, compliance, and facility management at The Idaho Foodbank's 3 facilities located in Meridian, Pocatello and Lewiston, Idaho. The VP of Operations is the primary person to lead in the creation and implementation of strategic goals that support internal organization and ensure the creation and execution of tactical plans to achieve those goals.

RESPONSIBILITIES & KEY RESULT AREAS

1) Strategic Vision and Planning

- Participate, along with the Board of Directors, CEO and other members of the leadership team, in the formulation and execution of strategic plans, structure and processes necessary to manage the organization's current operational activities and projected growth.
- Participate actively with the leadership team and board members in periodic environmental and organizational scans and needs assessments to identify challenges to and opportunities for achievement of the mission.
- Oversee research and analyze trends in operational areas in support of strategic planning and day to day problem solving.

2) Organizational Development

- Recruit, motivate and lead a high-performance, customer service driven team whose responsibilities encompass operations (branch operations, warehouse, distribution, quality control, transportation, fleet management and facility management).
- Hire management team members with the capability, skill, temperament, and passion to implement goals, strategies, and policies successfully.
- Manage the workflow of assigned staff.
- Create opportunities for staff development and professional growth.
- Ensure accountability systems are in place throughout operations for achievement of goals and objectives.
- Lead the effort in operations to ensure that succession and business continuity planning occur.
- Lead the operations management team and coach team members through the hiring process.

3) Data Management and Analysis

- Read, analyze, and interpret complex financial reports, legal documents, and other operational documents.
- Create, maintain, and communicate forecasts and KPI's to the organization on a cadence matching the organizational rhythm.
- Using quantifiable metrics and management expertise, perform departmental audits to determine cost benefit as well as demand and service capacity required to meet objectives.

- Ensure optimal effectiveness and production through effective use of the ERP system specifically warehouse management, inventory procurement and management, labor control, and transportation and logistics.
- Use data to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where little or no standardization exists.
- Coordinate efforts to evaluate the results of each area of operations including activities that directly affect organizational risk and liability and systematically report these to the Executive Leadership Team, such as warehouse utilization, inventory management, transportation and logistics, labor efficiencies, risk, training, and turnover.
- Develop or direct the creation of metrics to measure the performance of all areas of operations.
- Synthesize complex information; separate assumptions from hard data; categorize information; quantify the impact of major decisions.

4) Process Development and Improvement

- Identify and drive change initiatives that improve operational workflow and productivity while maintaining focus on adding value to internal and external customers.
- Offer advice, guidance and direction on business matters including operational policies, continuous process improvement and new initiatives.
- Direct the creation and implementation of processes and controls designed to ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory agencies and external compliance organizations.
- Lead a focused planning process that establishes short- and long-range goals that are supported by repeatable processes and procedures to the floor level, statewide.

5) System Oversight

- Direct effective management of all warehousing and food distribution operations including safety, security, inventory, facilities management, purchasing and equipment maintenance.
- Oversee all aspects of transportation and logistics to ensure dependable and efficient distribution of food.
- Oversee compliance with operational aspects of major grants and contracts.
- Ensure that responsibilities, authorities, and accountability of all direct subordinates are defined, understood, and executed successfully.
- Ensure process and facility compliance with AIB, Health Department, EPA, OSHA, FDA, Homeland Security, Fire departments, USDA, and Feeding America.

6) System Integration

- Develop, in collaboration with the Executive Leadership Team, Operations Business Plan and budget including ongoing review and analyses of activities, costs, operations, and forecasts to determine organizational progress toward mission, goals, and strategies.
- Oversee development of annual business plans and budgets for direct reports.
- Initiate and manage various cross functional projects to include documentation of standard operating procedures and various other quality control functions.
- Create and convene interdepartmental teams, committees, and task forces to ensure integration and consistency of communication, workflow, and outcome.
- Invite advice and opinions of people both internal and external to enhance results and decision making.

7) Communication

- Represent IFB during community projects and participate in meetings and on committees as appropriate.
- Build and maintain relationships with major sources of support for operational processes and capital needs.

- Attend all board meetings and committee meetings as required/requested.
- Provide leadership of operational meetings
- Develop and implement procedures and controls to promote communication and facilitate information flow within the organization.
- Influence and inspire positive reactions to change.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in business or Operations Management or equivalent experience.
- Previous experience in managing operations for an organization with a multimillion-dollar budget and more than 50 employees.
- DOT Experience preferred.
- Advanced Food Safety and Behavior Based Safety training preferred.
- Lean/Six Sigma Green Belt, Black Belt preferred.
- Proven forward thinking skills with demonstrated results in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong servant leadership skills.
- Proven entrepreneurial approach.
- Thorough knowledge of facility management, inventory management, ERP software, logistics and transportation management.
- Must be a creative problem-solver with strong organizational, analytical, planning, and management skills.
- Able to manage multiple priorities and effectively work with a diverse staff.
- Should be at an intermediate level in MS Office, knowledge of Navision/MS Dynamics preferred.
- Candidate should have at least 6 years of experience in warehouse and facility management with demonstrated success in improving systems.
- Valid driver's license, ability to travel on minimum quarterly basis to the locations across the state.

Working Conditions

This work is performed primarily in an office environment while sitting at a computer terminal for extended periods of time. May involve periodic lifting and carrying of items that may weigh up to 50 pounds. May work outside normal working hours and drive own vehicle for various projects daily.

Disclaimer

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