



Code: 1508

Family: Accounting and Finance

Service: Administrative

Group: Statistical, Technical and Analytical

Series: Purchasing and Supply

CLASS TITLE: SENIOR PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under general supervision, the class is assigned to the Department of Procurement Services responsible for coordinating and enforcing the city's Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Information (RFI) procurement processes for operating departments, and performs related duties as required

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Reviews and clarifies detailed specifications submitted by operating departments to ensure completeness and compliance with the city's procurement standards for the purchase of goods and services (e.g., commodities, work services, professional services)
- Reviews checklists completed by staff in user departments and completes designated portions for the Department of Procurement Services
- Verifies the validity of supplemental documentation and attaches to contract packages for further review and approval
- Advises and provides technical assistance to staff in operating departments on the city's procurement processes and procedures
- Prepares documentation for the advertisement and solicitation of bids from prospective vendors in designated newspapers and periodicals
- Evaluates vendor bids for the responsiveness to contract specifications (e.g., cost, qualifications)
- Calculates bid tabulations and make recommendations for the selection of the lowest bidder, as required
- Reviews and approves contract modifications and prepares addendums in order to notify prospective bidders of changes
- Schedules and facilitates pre-bid and post-bid conferences to review contract scope and to respond to participant questions
- Participates in and facilitates evaluation committees to review submitted proposals in response to RFPs and RFQs and to interview potential vendors
- Maintains copies of contract documentation and forwards for imaging and recordkeeping purposes

NOTE: *The list of essential duties is not intended to be inclusive; there may be other duties that are essential to particular positions within the class.*

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience

- Eight (8) years of work experience in the development, negotiation, and administration of contracts management and/or procurement of supplies, equipment or services, **OR**
- Graduation from an accredited college with an Associate's degree, plus six (6) years of work experience in the development, negotiation, and administration of contracts management and/or procurement of supplies, equipment or services, **OR**

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree, plus four (4) years of work experience in the development, negotiation, and administration of contracts management and/or procurement of supplies, equipment or services, **OR**
- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree or higher, plus three (3) years of work experience in the development, negotiation, and administration of contracts management and/or procurement of supplies, equipment or services

Licensure, Certification, or Other Qualifications

- None

WORKING CONDITIONS

- General office environment

EQUIPMENT

- Standard office equipment (e.g., telephone, printer, photocopier, fax machine, calculator)
- Computers and peripheral equipment (e.g., personal computer, computer terminals, hand-held computer, scanner)

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- No specific requirements

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS**Knowledge**

Considerable knowledge of:

- *procurement guidelines, regulations and practices
- *contract administration methods, processes and procedures
- *customer service techniques

Moderate knowledge of:

- *applicable computer software packages and applications (e.g., Excel, Microsoft Suite)
- applicable departmental programs and services

Knowledge of applicable City and departmental policies, procedures, rules and regulations

Other knowledge as required for successful performance in the Procurement Specialist class

Skills

- **ACTIVE LEARNING** - Understand the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making
- **ACTIVE LISTENING** - Give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, and not interrupt at inappropriate times
- **CRITICAL THINKING** - Use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems
- **COORDINATION WITH OTHERS**- Adjust actions in relation to others' actions
- **JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING** - Consider the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one

Other skills as required for successful performance in the Procurement Specialist class

Abilities

- COMPREHEND ORAL INFORMATION - Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences
- SPEAK - Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand
- COMPREHEND WRITTEN INFORMATION - Read and understand information and ideas presented in writing
- WRITE- Communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand
- REASON TO SOLVE PROBLEMS - Apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense
- REACH CONCLUSIONS - Combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events)

Other abilities as required for successful performance in the Procurement Specialist class

Other Work Requirements

- INITIATIVE - Demonstrate willingness to take on job challenges
- ANALYTICAL THINKING – Analyze information and use logic to address work or job issues and problems
- DEPENDABILITY - Demonstrate reliability, responsibility, and dependability and fulfill obligations
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL - Pay careful attention to detail and thoroughness in completing work tasks

All employees of the City of Chicago must demonstrate commitment to and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and City ordinances and rules; the City's Ethics standards; and other City policies and procedures.

The City of Chicago will consider equivalent foreign degrees, accreditations, and credentials in evaluating qualifications.

* May be required at entry.

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