

#### **Human Resources**

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TO: Civil Service Board

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**Human Resources Supervisor** 

SUBJECT: Revised Job Classification of Construction Services Information & Communications Specialist

#### RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST INCLUDING A TITLE CHANGE TO INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST.

#### **Background Information**

The Construction Services Information & Communications Specialist job classification was most recently revised in 2015. Since this time, the need for this position in other departments and divisions has grown requiring a need to modify the description to be more relevant to all work groups, which includes some minor changes to the language including the addition of data analysis work. This revision creates an opportunity to fill this role in other City departments and divisions that may have a need for this work.

The revisions to this job classification have been discussed with the union and all parties are agreeable to the changes.

#### **Outline of Duties**

The Information & Communications Specialist will provide support for software, information, data, document management, analysis, and communications. Serve as subject matter expert for computer applications and data analysis. Assist with developing efficient workflow processes and assist with providing data and analytics throughout the department.

## Recommendation

Based on the above information, and in accordance with Section 13-7 of the Civil Service Code, I recommend that the Civil Service Board approve the revised job description for Construction Services Information & Communications Specialist, including a title change to Information & Communications Specialist.

## **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST**

#### SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Provide support for software, information, data, document management, analysis, and communications. Serve as subject matter expert for computer applications and data analysis. Assist with developing efficient workflow processes. Assist with providing data and analytics throughout the department.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (other duties may be assigned)

- 1. Maintain communications with department personnel regarding all issues pertaining to the use of applications.
- 2. Collaborate with IT Department personnel to maintain consistency of development and maintenance of software with overall IT policies and procedures.
- 3. Serve a primary role in all department development projects involving the implementation of new software applications and/or the further development of existing applications.
- 4. Serve a primary role in the maintenance and integrity of data for all departmental software applications.
- 5. Develop and provide software application training.
- 6. Ensure accuracy and consistency of the systems' utilization by all department personnel.
- 7. Collaborate with IT in the development and maintenance of custom report and programing in support of the operating unit.
- 8. Assist staff with development and utilization of software to further the business goals and requirements of the division.
- 9. Assist in evaluating and establishing office procedures using software and technology systems.
- 10. Meet with users and decision makers in different workgroups to define business, financial, and operations requirements and application goals, and identify and resolve application issues.
- 11. Coordinate testing of updates and software changes.
- 12. Perform post-resolution follow-ups to ensure problems have been adequately resolved.
- 13. Participate in the development, implementation, coordination, and maintenance of document and information management programs, rules, regulations, and policies.
- 14. Prepare and maintain records retention schedules.
- 15. Establish and maintain electronic systems, directories, and databases.
- 16. Collect, analyze and summarize data from different sources and distribute reports.
- 17. Implement and maintain uniform visual and formatting standards in accordance with workgroup and City standards.
- 18. Act as department-level lead in implementing new features and content management system updates.
- 19. Establish and maintain content for the department website.
- 20. Coordinate with the City's communication team and advance organization's social media strategy using platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc. in accordance with the City's communication strategy.

# JOB REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required.

## 1. Education & Experience Requirements

A. A combination of verifiable education and experience equaling five (5) years, demonstrating possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed within the job description.

# 2. Knowledge Requirements

A. Familiarity with a broad range of information technology concepts, including concepts associated with enterprise level information technology systems.

- B. Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, database systems and research techniques.
- C. Knowledge of business processes to maximize software functionality to support operations.

## 3. Skill Requirements

- A. Highly proficient in computer skills, data collection, research and analyses techniques, including Microsoft Office applications, email applications, internet sources, and general database functions.
- B. Skill at working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment.
- C. Exemplary customer service skills, including the ability to identify needs, provide prompt responses, exercise patience, respect, and professionalism in all interactions.
- D. Analytical and problem-solving skills.
- E. Skill in documenting and maintaining configuration and process information.
- F. Skill in efficient time management.
- G. Excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing.
- H. Skill in preparing written materials and reports.
- I. Strong organizational skills.

#### 4. Ability Requirements

- A. Ability to administer software applications for the department.
- B. Ability to act as subject matter expert for department systems.
- C. Ability to absorb new ideas and concepts quickly.
- D. Strong customer service abilities.
- E. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- F. Ability to use Microsoft Office applications to create documents, forms, newsletters, spreadsheets with complex formulas for data analysis, and other required materials.
- G. Ability to make sound decisions within established policy and procedural guidelines.
- H. Ability to work effectively under pressure and juggle multiple priorities.
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- J. Ability to record, track, and document problem-solving processes.
- K. Ability to communicate application problems and issues to management, development teams, and end users.
- L. Ability to use and coordinate available systems and equipment to convert documents and data to desired formats.
- M. Ability to comprehend and utilize the data practices act in regards to all different types of data within the department.
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