Position Title: Contract / Procurement Specialist

State Classification/Title/Salary Group: 1982 / Contract Specialist III / B19

Monthly Salary: $3,600.00 – $5,500.00/ month plus state benefits

Position Location: Central Office, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758

Job Requisition #: 00027068

FLSA Status: Exempt

Opening Date: September 22, 2022

Closing Date: October 6, 2022

Veterans, Reservists or Guardsmen with an MOS or additional duties that fall in the fields 51C – Contract & Industrial Management, 6C0X1 - Contracting or other related fields pertaining to the minimum experience requirements may meet the minimum qualifications for this position and are highly encouraged to apply. Additional Military Crosswalk information can be accessed at: https://hr.sao.texas.gov/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_PropertyManagementandProcurement.pdf

General Description:
The Contract/Procurement Specialist reports to the Director of Staff Services/Fleet Management. They will perform highly complex (senior-level) contract management and procurement work. Work involves coordinating, developing, and evaluating a broad range of contracts. Work also involves planning, organizing, coordinating, and preparing specifications for purchasing commodities and services; preparing procurement documents; and maintaining detailed records of items purchased, received, prepared, and issued. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

Essential Job Functions:
- Coordinates and/or develops solicitations, contracts, and amendments by identifying provider resources, describing services to be rendered, evaluating information supplied by bidders, and negotiating contract specifications.
- Coordinates and facilitates procurement-related meetings such as kick-off and pre-proposal meetings, post-award conferences, team briefings, and evaluation scorings.
- Coordinates the risk assessment process for contract monitoring and planning.
- Coordinates the maintenance of the procurement database.
- Coordinates the preparation, review, tracking, and expediting of purchase orders according to all Texas procurement laws.
- Coordinates the auditing and review of invoices, and reviews and checks for accuracy, receipt of material, and compliance of purchase orders.
- Reviews and/or develops bid evaluation instruments and the modification of solicitation, contract boilerplate, and other contract-related documents.
- Reviews and/or conducts needs assessments to determine requirements for the purchase of goods or services.
- Monitors contract performance by examining billings, fiscal data, and eligibility determinations for compliance with terms of contract and policies, and recommends cancellation of contracts when deviations occur.
- Monitors legal and regulatory requirements pertaining to contracting and procurement.
- Administers the billing process and eligibility monitoring functions for contract billings.
- Evaluates expenditure data and makes projections to ensure appropriate use of funds.
- Negotiates contracts, contract renewals, and amendments.
- Prepares specifications for requests for bids.
- Provides guidance to internal and external stakeholders regarding contract and procurement administration, policies, and procedures.
- Resolves audit exceptions by defining causes of errors and recommending appropriate dispositions.
- Assists in developing contract administration policies and procedures.
- Assists in coordinating the development of procurement program guidelines, procedures, policies, rules, or regulations.
- Interacts with internal and external customers with the agency on a variety of administrative services.
- Performs related work as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with course work in accounting, business administration, finance, or a related field.
• Two (2) years additional experience in contract development, procurement, management, or evaluation work is required.
• Certified Texas Contract Manager (CTCM) is required.
• Travel 20% required

*Contract management or purchasing and procurement of goods experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.*

**Preferred Qualifications:**
• Experience in CAPPS Financials preferred.
• Certified Texas Contract Developer (CTCD)

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**
Knowledge of state procurement and contract management requirements, regulations, and best practices; of negotiating contracts; of developing contracts; of business administration and accounting principles and practices; of policies and procedures of contract management; and of purchasing and procurement of goods; Skill in the use of a computer and applicable software; Ability to evaluate contracts and recommend future status; to interpret policies, procedures, and regulations; to evaluate fiscal data for reasonableness, necessity, and conformity with contract requirements; to write and edit contract requirements and specifications; to negotiate features of a contract; to communicate effectively; and to ability supervise the work of others, as needed.

The TAHC is an emergency response agency. This position is subject to participate in rotating duty assignments away from its regular headquarters for up to two weeks at a time. This duty may involve working in adverse conditions; may require irregular working hours and overtime; and may include duties other than those specified in the standard position description.

**Other:**
Must have a valid Texas driver's license and safe driving record.
Applicants may be subject to a driving record and criminal background check.
Employment of selected candidate is contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable criminal background check and an acceptable moving violation record from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**Note:** Must have reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursed at the current allowable rate.

**How to Apply:**
To submit your application for employment, follow the link provided below, then select Apply Online. Create and/or Login to your online applicant profile and electronically submit your State of Texas Application for Employment.

All applications must contain complete job histories, which includes job title, dates of employment, name of employer, supervisor's name and phone number and a description of duties performed. If this information is not submitted, your application may be rejected because it is incomplete. Resumes do not take the place of this required information.

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Only interviewed applicants will receive notice of the final disposition of the selection process.

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