

**CITY OF MANITOWOC
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION TITLE: **COMPTROLLER**
DEPARTMENT: Finance
STATUS: Non-Rep Full Time, Exempt
POSITION REPORTS TO: Finance Director/Treasurer
DATE OF DESCRIPTION: AUGUST 2014

SUMMARY:

Under the Finance Director's supervision performs work of considerable skill in maintaining the City's accounting records and administering the City financial operations. Assist in the supervision of a system providing for the processing of all claims, receipts, disbursements, borrowing and investments for the City of Manitowoc along with the maintenance of all fiscal records and reports in an automated environment. Assist in the preparation of the annual city budget and the annual financial report. As the primary support professional for the Finance Director, this employee is expected to proceed with a high degree of independence. This position is also a liaison to the IT department for the City's Finance system, which also includes ancillary modules that interface with the Finance Department. Fill in for the Director during any absences.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS include the following:

- A. Prepares various schedules, graphs and other supporting data for inclusion within various publications prepared by the city including but not limited to Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Annual Budget Document and City's Annual Capital Improvement Plan
- B. Provides information and assistance directly to independent auditors in the preparation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) compliant audited financial statements and related audit opinion.
- C. Coordinates development of the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan by critically evaluating the city's debt posture, capital requirements, resources and financial capacity.
- D. Communicate and serve as liaison to the IT department on financial system interfaces, product stability, enhancement requests, overall functionality, and test for potential uses for efficient functionality.
- E. Serve as the "In-house expert" on the city's financial system and ancillary systems for purposes of developing and administering training programs for city personnel.
- F. Maintain subsidiary records for tracking Project Fund balances for appropriate usage of funds.
- G. Works closely with all departments to ensure understanding and ability to interact with the city's automated financial environment, including monthly, quarterly, annual and ad-hoc financial reports.
- H. Create and Maintain the Procedural Instructions and Manuals for all financial software applications.
- I. Prepare monthly bank reconciliations and record investment activity for multiple accounts
- J. Assists in coordinating all borrowing activities for the City.

- K. Assist with maintaining a system of internal control to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations.
- L. Assist City departments in grant management by establishing the necessary accounting and financial records.
- M. Prepare and maintain annual fixed asset listings and related GASB compliant schedules for annual report.
- N. Reconcile accounts to determine the proper balances and identify any variances.
- O. Prepare journal entries as necessary.
- P. Assist with the Budgeting process including strategic planning, system setup, data exports/imports, and reporting.
- Q. Attends Finance Committee/City Council meetings as needed.
- R. Assists with coverage for Treasurer's Office as needed.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- A. Knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) used in keeping fiscal accounts and records, and of finance terminology, procedures and routines.
- B. Knowledge of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Pronouncements (GASB), municipal fund accounting and related financial procedures
- C. Ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide accurately.
- D. Ability to prioritize tasks to meet deadlines despite difficult and complex situations.
- E. Ability to make financial decisions quickly and accurately.
- F. Communicate professionally and effectively via oral and written documents.
- G. Ability to prepare accurate reports and data
- H. Ability to learn new technology in the workplace as it develops and changes.
- I. Understand and carry out complex oral and written directions.
- J. Exercise discretion over confidential information.
- K. Supervise the work of others.
- L. Works well with the public.
- M. Read, analyze and interpret financial data and financial statements.
- N. Operate general office equipment.
- O. Intermediate proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite with an emphasis on Excel, Word and Access.
- P. Knowledge of Federal and State grant procedures
- Q. Ability to manage people effectively.
- R. Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- S. Ability to explain complex financial matters to the lay person.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field.
- B. 10 years general accounting/financial experience or 7 years municipal accounting/financial experience.
- C. In lieu of education and experience listed above other combinations of education and experience may be considered to meet the minimum qualifications.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Coordinates and evaluates payroll and finance division assignments.
Performs duties of Director of Finance in absence.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Ability to read and interpret policy manuals, technical manuals, Wisconsin Administrative Codes and City ordinances; ability to read and analyze financial data in varying formats; ability to present facts and make recommendations effectively in written and oral form; ability to prepare and issue reports for use by staff, boards, local officials and the community.

MATHEMATICAL ABILITY:

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, divide, calculate percentages, fractions, decimals, present values, amortization schedules and other debt related calculations; ability to prepare and interpret complex descriptive statistical data and reports; ability to prepare and interpret graphs and formulas.

REASONING ABILITY:

Ability to apply situational reasoning ability by exercising good judgment, decisiveness and creativity in complex situations when dealing in a sometimes hostile environment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit, stand, walk, use both hands to handle, touch, grasp, reach with hands and arms, talk and hear. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close and distant vision and the ability to focus.

Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing semi-skilled movements in operation of computer keyboard, telephone and calculator.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTABILITY:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to indoor weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually low to moderate.

FUNCTION OF POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position description has been prepared to define the general duties of the position, provide examples of work and to detail the required knowledge, skills and abilities as well as the acceptable experience and training for the position. The description is not intended to limit or modify the right of any supervisor to assign, direct, and control the duties of employees under

supervision. The City of Manitowoc retains and reserves any and all rights to change, modify, amend, add to or delete from any portion of this description in its sole judgment.

This job description is not a contract for employment.

The City of Manitowoc is an equal opportunity employer in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

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