

PUBLIC WORKS CLERK III

Department: Public Works **Reports To:** Director of Public Works/
Public Works Administrator

Division: Administration **Location:** Administration Building

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt **Classification:** Full-Time/Civil Service

Approved By: Public Works Administrator **Date of Approval:** October 2002

Pay Grade Level: 3

JOB SUMMARY

Responsible for the performance of a variety of complex clerical and administrative duties required in the daily administration of the Lafourche Parish Department of Public Works which includes scheduling appointments, answering in-coming calls to the Department, providing information to callers and relieving supervisory personnel of routine clerical and administrative work by performing the following duties.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The essential duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Reads and routes incoming mail. Locates and attaches appropriate file/back-up information to correspondence to be answered by the Director of Public Works and/or designee
- Composes and types routine correspondence, resolutions, public notices and minutes/proceedings of meetings of associated committees
- Prepares, monitors, and maintains work orders; prepares cumulative work order reports, as directed
- Reviews mathematical accuracy of all invoices submitted to ensure that all are within budgetary limitations and sufficient for subsequent completion of the annual audit
- Maintains current personnel records of all permanent, part-time, and temporary employees within the Department
- Processes the payroll requests by reviewing employee time sheets for proper recordation and mathematical accuracy of time worked; Records employee exemptions and changes for subsequent submission to the Finance Department and Human Resources Department
- Receives, records, and submits all accounts receivables to the Finance Department

- In accordance with administrative instructions, prepares bid specifications and associated documents for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and/or materials needed in facilitation of public works activities and projects
- Assists in the preparation of the annual maintenance and operation budgets
- Organizes and maintains file system and files correspondence and maintains records regarding the acquisition and maintenance of Parish property, departmental grant programs and all other projects and activities of the Department
- Analyzes and organizes office operations and procedures such as preparation of payroll, personnel, information management, filing systems, requisition of supplies, and other clerical services
- Maximizes office productivity through proficient use of appropriate software applications
- Researches and develops resources that create timely and efficient workflow
- Answers and screens Director of Public Work's and/or designee's phone calls
- Handles purchasing of supplies and equipment; and, arranges for equipment maintenance, as instructed
- Coordinates Director's schedule and makes appointments
- Greets scheduled visitors and directs to appropriate area or person

Other duties may be assigned.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Performs the job duties of related clerical positions in their absence(s) which primarily include answering all in-coming telephone calls, greeting visitors and notifying persons being visited; and responding to routine public inquiries concerning operations and procedures of government-related functions within scope of knowledge or refers to appropriate employee for response
- All parish government employees in a declared emergency shall be considered essential personnel

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

May supervise part-time, temporary, and permanent clerical staff in the performance of job duties. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws.

COMPETENCIES

To perform the job successfully, an individual should demonstrate the following competencies:

Customer Service - Manages difficult or emotional customer situations; Responds promptly to customer needs; Solicits customer feedback to improve service ; Responds to requests for service and assistance; Meets commitments.

Interpersonal Skills - Maintains confidentiality.

Oral Communication - Speaks clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations; listens and gets clarification; Responds well to questions; Demonstrates group presentation skills; Participates in meetings.

Written Communication - Writes clearly and informatively; Edits work for spelling and grammar; Varies writing style to meet needs; Presents numerical data effectively; Able to read and interpret written information.

Dependability - Follows instructions, responds to management direction; Keeps commitments.

Initiative - Volunteers readily; Undertakes self-development activities; Seeks increased responsibilities; Takes independent actions and calculated risks; Looks for and takes advantage of opportunities; Asks for and offers help when needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

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, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Jobholders must be legally able to work in the United States.

Education and/or Experience. Associate degree or higher from college or university or a certificate of completion from a technical school; or three to five years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Language Skills. Ability to read and comprehend complex instructions, correspondence, and memos. Ability to write correspondence. Ability to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to customers, clients, and other employees of the organization.

Mathematical Skills. Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent.

Reasoning Ability. Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out detailed and complex written or oral instructions. Ability to deal with problems involving a few concrete variables in standardized situations.

Computer Skills. To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of Word Processing software.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations. Must possess a valid Driver's License and must obtain a valid Louisiana Driver's License within 30 days of employment.

Other Skills and Abilities. Must have basic knowledge of the methods, practices, and procedures in general office administration, which also includes basic abilities in the

operation of personal computers, typewriters, calculators, copy machines, and fax machines; general knowledge of computer word processing software (Corel WordPerfect, Excel, Quattro Pro, and Lotus 123, preferred), business English, spelling, punctuation, and basic methods and techniques in record keeping and filing systems.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to type at least 50 words per minute and possess basic skills in proper formatting of a variety of correspondence, reports, and other materials.
- Ability to deal courteously and effectively with the public, governmental officials, and other employees of the Lafourche Parish Government.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here 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; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to stand and walk. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 10 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision and ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.