

HIDALGO COUNTY

ACCOUNTANT III

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Employee will perform moderately complex accounting work. Work involves preparing financial statements, records, documents, or reports. Employee may specialize in some phase of accounting work such as federal funds accounting, property and equipment control, cost, payroll, or bond servicing. Employee works under general supervision with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment and may supervise the work of others.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Prepares and/or oversees the preparation of financial statements with schedules and exhibits

Prepares and/or oversees the preparation of technical reports on estimates, cost data, and budget items

Prepares and posts various vouchers and audits them for accuracy

Prepares monthly status analyses of funds and expenditures

Prepares various reports on federal grants, regulations, and statistics, as required

Maintains adequate records of expenditures, funds, appropriations, and expenses, as well as of revenue collected and deposited

Assists in planning procedures and regulations to control the disbursement of allocated funds and in preparing letters of instruction, manual revisions, and related forms as necessary

Serves as a consultant on accounting matters to administrative, supervisory, or technical staff, and assists agency administrators in applying financial data to the resolution of administrative or operating problems

Provides technical assistance to technical and lower-level accounting staff in clarifying operating problems, such as the allocation of income or expenses; cost accounting procedures; the closing, correcting, or adjusting of journal entries; and the preparation of special exhibits and schedules

Recommends improvements, adaptations, or revisions to the accounting system and accompanying procedures

May train staff on the maintenance of accounting records on expenditures and revenue collected, the posting of general ledgers, and the posting of journals

May supervise the work of others

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Two (2) to three (3) years of progressive experience in accounting, governmental accounting, or commercial accounting

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's in Business Administration with major coursework in Accounting or Finance with 15 hours of accounting courses

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of accounting principles and procedures; of budget controls; and of purchasing methods and procedures

Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and 10-key calculator

Ability, to perform complex accounting transactions, to interpret laws and regulations, to interpret and apply accounting theory

Ability to supervise the work of others

Knowledge of Uniform Grants Management Standards (UGMS) and GAAP

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.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations