

RICHLAND COUNTY POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Payroll & Benefits Specialist

Department: County Clerk

Reports to: County Clerk

Non-Union Pay Grade: 19

Date: September 17, 2013

Hours Per Week: 35

PURPOSE OF POSITION

The purpose of this position is to perform various accounting duties with the primary emphasis on payroll and benefits administration for Richland County under the direction of the County Clerk.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Process payroll for: Highway Department, Pine Valley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Health and Human Services Department, Courthouse staff, Symon's Recreation Complex, Sheriff's Department, County Supervisors, County Committee members, Richland County Fair, Ambulance personnel and casual county employees and in compliance with county policies, union contracts and statutory requirements.
- New employee orientation which includes going over the required documents and documentation needed to set up an employee for payroll and direct deposit. Explaining the health, dental and life insurances, retirement, Flex Section 125 plan, and loss of time benefits. Instructing the new employee on the County Handbook, computer policy, equal opportunity policy, sexual harassment policy, drug-free workplace safety policy, discipline/termination grievance policy and workplace safety grievance policy.
- Accurately code and enter employee payroll changes including hires, terminations, wage rates, deductions, child support orders, garnishments, benefits and direct deposit accounts.
- Submit new hires or any employee not paid within a 60 day time frame to the Wisconsin New Hire Reporting Center as required by State Law
- Verify new hires social security numbers with the Social Security Business Services Online system
- Maintains all County personnel files.
- Maintains and balances Employee vacation, sick and comp times per County policies and/or union contracts.
- Computes and enters wage and fringe benefits data for health, dental, and life insurance, retirement, Flex Section 125 plan, loss of time and union dues. Maintains benefit files.
- Process the monthly benefit billings and ensures billing accuracy of employees listed on each bill.
- Generate required reports and remit deductions and withholdings to vendors and taxing authorities.
- Monitors Wisconsin Retirement eligibility for temporary part-time and call-in employees.
- Calculates and process all amounts due to State and Federal agencies for payroll withholdings; i.e. state and federal taxes, garnishments, and retirement contributions

- Reconciles and distributes W2's.
- Process Unemployment compensation billings and eligibility forms.
- Prepares and files monthly Labor statistics employment reports.
- Prepares and files quarterly Federal wage tax, Multiple Worksite and Unemployment reports
- Prepares annual payroll reports for auditors including workman's comp.
- Completes salary and benefit surveys as requested.
- Administers open enrollment each year for Health and Dental insurance, Flex Section 125 plan and Loss of Time. Enters in new applications into each of the plans computer systems and monitors billings to make sure the employees were enrolled correctly.
- Administers Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and maintains detailed records on employees that elect to participate in COBRA.
- Administers Family Medical Leave (FMLA) and maintains detailed records on employees that need to have FMLA.
- Administers Domestic Partnership's created with Employee Trust Funds and sets up any insurance benefits that the employee is eligible for upon creating the Domestic Partnership.
- Performs reception duties, sell all types of licenses as required by the DNR, take marriage and Domestic Partnership applications, answers telephone and sell plat books or Richland County maps.
- Enter voter information into the SVRS system after an election including new voter applications.
- Create lists of voter information based on customer request through the SVRS system.

MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Preference for a 2-year or 4-year degree in Accounting or Human Resources.
- Preference for knowledge of working in an AS-400 environment
- Preference for experience with payroll and governmental accounting
- Preference for knowledge of State & Federal regulations related to wage, hour & payroll.
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Language Ability and Interpersonal Communication

- Ability to analyze and categorize data and information in order to determine the relationship of the data with reference to criteria/standards. Ability to compare, count, differentiate, measure and/or sort data and information. Ability to assemble, copy, record and transcribe data. Ability to classify, compute and tabulate data.
- Ability to advise and interpret on how to apply policies, procedures and standards to a variety of specific situations.
- Ability to utilize advisory data and information such as Federal and State withholding guidelines, Wisconsin Retirement Fund rules and guidelines, union contracts, ACS, a Xerox company Payroll Operation Manual, Minnesota Life Insurance Manual, insurance billings, unemployment guidelines, non-routine correspondence and laws.
- Ability to communicate effectively with County Clerk, co-workers, all county employees, Department Heads, the general public and County Supervisors.

Mathematical Ability

- Ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide, calculate percentages, decimals and fractions and interpret basic descriptive statistical reports.

Judgment and Situational Reasoning Ability

- Ability to apply situational reasoning ability by exercising judgment, decisiveness and creativity in situations involving the evaluation of information against measurable criteria.
- Ability to use functional reasoning development in performing activities within rational systems involving diversified work requiring exercise of judgment.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet, and limbs in performing moderately coordinated movements such as pressing, pumping and smoothing. Ability to grasp and place objects. Ability to recognize and identify sounds.
- Ability to exert light physical effort in sedentary to light work, involving lifting, carrying pushing and pulling. Ability to handle, finger and feel.
- Ability to operate a variety of office equipment and machinery including personal computer, telephone, calculator, photocopier, fax, etc. Ability to move and guide material using simple tools.

Environmental Adaptability

- Ability, in regard to environmental factors such as temperature variations, odors, toxic agents, violence, noise, vibrations, wetness, disease and/or dust, to work under very safe and comfortable conditions.

Richland County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

Employee's Signature

Supervisor's Signature

Date

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