



Career Service Authority

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Administrator I

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CLASS DUTIES

Performs a variety of specific administrative activities/projects of limited scope in a specialized, functional area which requires a thorough foundation in the principles and practices of the functional area in order to maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the function and provide supportive, interpretive, and advisory information to higher level administrators, managers, and/or other stakeholders.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This class performs a variety of specific administrative activities/projects of limited scope in a specialized, functional area and provides supportive, interpretive, and advisory information to higher level administrators, managers, and/or other stakeholders. This class is distinguished from the Administrator II that performs a variety of comprehensive and technical administrative activities within a specialized, functional area which requires a thorough foundation in the principles and practices of the functional area(s) in order to ensure efficient and effective administration and provide administrative direction to department(s) leaders in strategic efforts associated with the functional area. The Administrator I class is distinguished from the Administrator III class that performs a variety of comprehensive and technical administrative activities that have city-wide impact within a specialized, functional area(s) which requires a thorough foundation in the principles and practices of the functions area(s), exercises overall responsibility for the functional area(s), and provides authoritative advice to top level managers and elected officials on matters of key importance to city goals, programs, and mission.

Additionally, the Administrator I class is distinguished from the Management Analyst III class that performs full performance professional level analytical work which includes conducting studies/projects that support a large division(s) or department by advising management on specific operational and/or administrative issues, applying management analysis techniques to solving problems and facilitating modifications/conversions, and preparing recommendations to implement new policies, procedures, and/or process changes/improvements.

Administrators are focused on the functional area not on supervising or managing staff; consequentially, an administrator may perform lead work or supervisory duties. However, administrative positions exist to serve as a technical expert within the functional area and require a high degree of specialized knowledge.

In general, the Administrator III class has city-wide responsibility or department wide responsibility with city-wide impact/implications and reports to an executive level position. The Administrator II class has department level responsibility and may have some city-wide responsibilities of defined scope. The Administrator I class has division level responsibility and may have some departmental responsibilities of defined scope. Additionally, an Administrator III and an Administrator II have responsible of the entire functional area and the Administrator I has responsibility for a portion of the functional area.

- Some functional areas are clarified in specific classes and series within the classification plan. In those cases the specific classes are to be used.

Administrator Definition:

An Administrator serves as a technical expert and resource in a specialized, functional area by resolving complex, technical issues and designing systems, processes, guidelines, rules, and standards that are critical and directly impact the on-going operations and policies in the functional area.

Guidelines, Difficulty and Decision Making Level:

Guidelines are generally in the form of stated objectives only, with issues and factors largely undefined, requiring the employee to exercise creativity and ingenuity in devising criteria, techniques, strategy, and methodologies for approaching assigned functions or projects.

Duties performed involve concepts, theories, and concrete factors to be evaluated and weighed, requiring a high degree of analytical ability, and independent judgment and decision-making.

Work assignment is generally unstructured and employee is responsible for organizing complex, varied and simultaneous coordination of several functions or projects in various stages of completion.

Level of Supervision Received and Quality Review:

Under administrative supervision, the employee has personal accountability for carrying out an assigned function project within the scope of established guidelines and objectives and is expected to resolve problems that arise in the normal course of the work. Completed work is generally reviewed for soundness of judgment, conclusion, adequacy, and conformance to policy.

Interpersonal Communications and Purpose:

Contacts of a remedial nature involving the resolution of problems and where some degree of discretion and judgment are required in carrying out a major program and/or function of the organization.

Level of Supervision Exercised:

By position, performs lead work or supervises employees within the functional area.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Performs a variety of specific administrative activities/projects, participates in the development of long range and short term planning initiatives for the functional area, and serves as a liaison with other departmental officials, community groups, and/or other units.

Acts as a technical expert in a functional area, provides consultative and technical guidance to managers and/or other officials/stakeholders, and handles sensitive and/or confidential issues, complaints, and/or inquires.

Participates in the formation of operating policies and procedures, provides advice and interpretative information pertaining to policies and procedures, evaluates proposed changes to policies and procedures including the merit and overall impact of changes to the functional area, and makes recommendations.

Conducts studies and/or research projects within the scope of the functional area, prepares comprehensive reports that reflect findings and conclusions, recommends feasible solutions in areas that require attention or change, and implements approved recommendations.

Implements procedures for evaluating effectiveness of the functional area, ensures compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and assists in establishing processes and controls to ensure compliance.

By position, assists in the development and processing of contracts including participating in drafting RFP for contracts, evaluating proposals, and administering contracts for compliance and expenditures.

By position, assists in the development and implementation of the budget and approves expenditures.

By position, performs some or all of the elements of supervision or lead work including work planning, instruction, and review, handling grievances and disciplinary actions, hiring and dismissing employees, and evaluating employee performance.

Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Competencies, Knowledges & Skills:

Administration and Management – Knowledge of planning, coordination, and execution of business functions, resource allocation, and production.

Reading – Understands and interprets written material including technical material, rules, regulations, instructions, reports, charts, graphs, or tables and applies what is learned from written material to specific situations.

Writing – Recognizes and uses correct English grammar, punctuation, and spelling, communicates information in a succinct and organized manner, and produces written information which may include technical material that is appropriate for the intended audience.

Self-Management – Sets well-defined and realistic personal goals, displays a high level of initiative, effort, and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner, works with minimal supervision, is motivated to achieve, and demonstrates responsible behavior.

Interpersonal Skills – Shows understanding, courtesy, tact, empathy, and concern, develops and maintains relationships, may deal with people who are difficult, hostile, and/or distressed, relates well to people from varied backgrounds and situations, and is sensitive to individual differences.

Oral Communication – Expresses information to individuals or groups effectively taking into account the audience and nature of the information, makes clear and convincing oral presentations, listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues, and responds appropriately.

Problem Solving – Identifies problems, determines accuracy and relevance information, and uses sound judgment to generate and evaluate alternatives and to make recommendations.

Planning and Evaluating – Organizes work, sets priorities, determines resource requirements, determines short or long-term goals and strategies to achieve them, coordinates with other organizations or parts of an organization, monitors progress, and evaluates outcomes.

Decision Making – Makes sound, well-informed, and objective decisions, perceives the impact and implications of decisions, commits to action even in uncertain situations to accomplish program goals, and causes change.

Reasoning – Identifies rules, principles, or relationships that explain facts, data, or other information, analyzes information, and makes correct inferences or draws accurate conclusions.

Contracting and Procurement – Knowledge of various types of contracts, techniques for contracting or procurement, and contract negotiation and administration.

Teamwork – Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity, fosters commitment and team spirit, and works with others to achieve goals.

Diversity – Is sensitive to cultural diversity, race, gender, and other individual differences in the workforce.

Customer Service – Works with customers to assess needs, provide assistance, resolves problems, and satisfy expectations, knows products and services, and is committed to providing quality products and services.

Creative Thinking – Uses imagination to develop new insights into situations, applies innovative solutions to problems, and designs new methods where established method and procedures are inapplicable or are unavailable.

Technical Competence – Uses knowledge that is acquired through formal training and extensive on-the-job experience to perform one's job, works with, understands, and evaluates technical information related to the job, and advises others on technical issues.

Influencing/Negotiating – Persuades others to accept recommendations, cooperate, or change their behavior, works with others towards an agreement, and negotiates to find mutually acceptable solutions.

Conflict Management – Manages and resolves conflicts, grievances, confrontations, or disagreements in a constructive manner to minimize negative personal impact.

Integrity/Honesty – Contributes to maintaining the integrity of the organization, displays high standards of ethical conduct, understands the impact of violating these standards on an organization, self, and others, and is trustworthy.

Attention to Detail – Is thorough when performing work and conscientious about attending to detail.

Organizational Awareness – Knows the organization's mission and function and how its social, political, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them including the program, policies, procedures, rules and regulation of the organization.

Flexibility – Is open to change and new information, adapts behavior or work methods in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles, and effectively deals with ambiguity.

Information Management – Identifies a need for and knows where or how to gather information and organizes and maintains information or information management systems.

Mathematical Reasoning – Solves practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical and statistical techniques.

Technology Application – Uses machines, tools, instruments, and/or equipment effectively and uses computer applications to analyze and communicate information in the appropriate format.

Stress Tolerance – Deals calmly and effectively with high stress situations.

Learning – Uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills and uses training, feedback, or other opportunities for self-learning and development.

Memory – Recalls information that has been presented previously.

Knowledge of budgeting principles and practices sufficient to be able to assume budgetary responsibilities as required.

Knowledge of supervisory theories and methods sufficient to be able to perform a variety of lead work or supervisory functions.

Physical Demands:

Sitting: remaining in the normal seated position.

Talking: expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words.

Hearing: perceiving the nature of sounds by the ear.

Working Environment:

Pressure due to multiple calls and inquiries.

Subject to many interruptions.

Education Requirement:

Baccalaureate Degree in a related field based on a specific position(s).

Experience Requirement:

Three years of technical or administrative experience performing research and evaluation OR three years of experience performing technical and administrative duties within the related functional area. (Some positions may require experience in a specific area.)

Education/Experience Equivalency:

A combination of appropriate education and experience may be substituted for the minimum education and experience requirements.

Licensure and/or Certification:

By position, completion of a Career Service Authority supervisory training course prior to completion of the probationary period.

CLASS DETAIL

FLSA CODE: Exempt

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CLASS HISTORY

4/2008 - This is a new class.

9/2008 – The Education Requirement was changed to the following:
Baccalaureate Degree in a related field based on a specific position(s).