

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #14-WAW-09

March/April 2014

PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

Court Personnel System Classification Level: CL 26/27/28

Developmental Range Salary \$45,027 - \$74,154
Full Performance Range Salary \$56,782 - \$96,431
Depending upon experience and qualifications

Position open until filled; preference given to resumes received by April 13, 2014

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington is seeking a qualified Procurement Specialist. This position is located at the federal courthouse in Seattle, Washington, with some travel to divisional offices required.

The Procurement Specialist will report to the Administrative Services Director, and join a department that provides support in the areas of purchasing, budget, and human resources. Administrative Services serves the U.S. District Court staff of 240 people, including judicial officers, chambers staff, clerk's office staff, and probation and pretrial services staff district-wide.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

- Work with judges and court staff to purchase supplies, equipment, miscellaneous services and furnishings via RFP, RFQ, purchase card and open competitions;
- Solicit, evaluate, negotiate, and award contracts with vendors and contractors to procure products, services, building improvements and IT systems;
- Administer contracts by monitoring performance, assuring compliance with the terms and conditions of contracts, including resolution of problems concerning the obligations of third parties;
- Record contract obligations and reconcile and record invoice payments in the accounting system;
- Prepare purchase orders and process payment vouchers for all units served;
- Ensure adherence to all applicable guidelines on contracting, property, and purchasing practices;
- Coordinate furniture purchase plans district-wide;

- Assist with property inventory and inventory reconciliations for the court units;
- Assist in coordinating space and facilities matters with federal GSA property management and regional space experts.

QUALIFICATIONS

Preferred qualifications include:

- Knowledge of and experience with government procurement practices;
- Federal contracting officer certification;
- Experience with government contracting;
- Experience with IT related purchasing;
- Experience with automated financial management systems;
- A bachelor's degree

The successful candidate will possess:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Extraordinary attention to detail;
- Excellent organizational and time management skills;
- Strong customer service skills and ability to deal with a wide variety of people tactfully and courteously;
- Ability to use independent judgment;
- Excellent data entry skills.

EDUCATION

Required Education/Experience: A high school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of two years progressively responsible administrative, technical or professional experience is required.

Preferred Education/Experience: A bachelor's degree is preferred. Experience in government contracting and certification as a federal contracting officer is preferred.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and résumé to:

Human Resources, (14-WAW-09)
U. S. District Court
700 Stewart Street, Suite 2218
Seattle, WA 98101

or via e-mail (Word or Acrobat .pdf format) to:

seattle_personnel@wawd.uscourts.gov

Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense. Qualified applicants selected for interviews will be tested.

The United States District Court requires employees to follow a code of conduct which is available upon request. Reference checks with current and former employers will be conducted on top candidates. A background investigation with law enforcement agencies, including fingerprint and criminal record checks, will be conducted as a condition of employment. Any applicant selected for a position will be hired provisionally pending successful completion of the investigation. Unsatisfactory results may result in termination of employment.

The Federal Financial Management Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages.

The Court provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please notify human resources. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case by case basis.

The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the announcement, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice. In the event that a position becomes vacant in a similar classification, within a reasonable time from the original announcement, management may elect to select a candidate from the applicants who responded to the original announcement without posting the position. More than one position may be filled from this announcement.

BENEFITS

Employees of the United States District Court are considered “at will” employees. Judiciary employees participate in the Federal Employees Retirement System, Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401K), health and life insurance benefits, long term disability and long term care options, annual and sick leave accrual, and ten paid holidays per year. Judiciary employees are not covered by the Office of Personnel Management’s civil service classification system or regulations. For additional information on employment with the federal courts, please visit www.uscourts.gov.

The United States District Court is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in the work place.