Contract Specialist II

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex (journey-level) contract management work. Work involves developing and evaluating a broad range of contracts. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Develops solicitations, contracts, and amendments by identifying provider resources, describing services to be rendered, evaluating information supplied by bidders, and negotiating contract specifications.

Facilitates procurement-related meetings such as kick-off and pre-proposal meetings, post-award conferences, team briefings, and evaluation scorings.

Monitors contract performance by examining billings, fiscal data, and eligibility determinations for compliance with terms of contract and policies.

Administers the billing process and eligibility monitoring functions for contract billings.

Evaluates expenditure data and makes projections to ensure appropriate use of funds.

Reviews fiscal expenditure reports for completeness, appropriateness, and accuracy.

Serves as a liaison with contract providers to ensure participation is consistent with program, legal, and fiscal requirements.

Assists in developing bid evaluation scoring instruments.

Assists with negotiating contracts, contract renewals, and amendments.

Assists in conducting needs assessments to determine requirements for the purchase of goods or services.

May monitor legal and regulatory requirements pertaining to contracting.
May recommend changes to solicitation and contract boilerplate documents and other contract-related documents.

May recommend the cancellation of contracts and assist in the dispute resolution process.

May prepare specifications for requests for bids.

May provide guidance to others.

Performs related work as assigned.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

Experience in contract development or evaluation work. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in business administration or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of state procurement and contract management requirements, regulations, and best practices; of negotiating contracts; of developing contracts; of business administration and accounting principles and practices; and of policies and procedures of contract management.

Skill in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to interpret policies, procedures, and regulations; to evaluate fiscal data for reasonableness, necessity, and conformity with contract requirements; to write and edit contract requirements and specifications; to negotiate features of a contract; to communicate effectively; and to provide guidance to others.

**REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE**

May require certification as a Certified Texas Contract Manager (CTCM).