



HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST SENIOR (Benefits)

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

NATURE OF WORK:

Administers the comprehensive employee benefit program for James City County. Responsible for planning, developing, procuring, implementing, evaluating, communicating and administering benefits and related policies under the direction of the Human Resource Manager. Works to maximize coverage while containing costs for both employee and employer and ensuring competitiveness with external markets.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB:

Designs, develops, implements, and administers benefit plans and policies such as health insurance, Section 125 Plans, retirement, life insurance, leave, employee assistance, and other programs. Audits benefit programs for compliance with government regulations. Monitors plans experience and usage and maintains data/metrics.

Surveys market to determine James City County's competitive position in employee benefits. Certifies that benefit programs are progressive, competitive, and cost-effective.

Confers with HR Manager concerning the program structure and expense. Collaborates to identify, analyze, and develop benefits offerings to attract, retain, and motivate employees. Recommends benefit plan changes. Develops, recommends, and monitors budget allocations for employee benefits.

Works with Employee Benefits Committee to solicit input on benefit offerings and design.

Manages the process of providing information to employees to include the oversight of: communication with employees and former employees about benefits programs, procedures, changes, and/or regulation; providing policy interpretation on benefit questions and issues; and resolving problems related to access to or payment of benefits.

Analyzes and evaluates services, coverage, and options available through insurance and investment companies to determine programs that best serve the needs of James City County. Puts programs out to bid and negotiates contracts including contract for the County's physical exam program.

Serves as liaison with benefit vendors, providing feedback on customer service, resolving problems, providing them with needed information, etc.

Works with County Wellness Coordinator to administer the County's Wellness Program.

Ensures employee benefits data is maintained.

Coordinates transfer of data to external vendors, plan providers, auditors, and consultants.

Practices continuous learning through individual study, classroom training, seminars, and conferences.

Performs work safely in accordance with department safety procedures and the County Safety Program. Operates equipment safely and reports any unsafe work condition or practice to Supervisor.

May be required to report to work to serve customers during emergency conditions. May be assigned to report at a different time and location and to perform different duties as necessary.

Performs related work as required.

JOB LOCATION AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Work is performed primarily in an office setting. Operates standard office equipment to include computer, calculator, copier, fax, telephone.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Ability to competently use standard software applications, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point.

Ability to work as a team member, work well under stress, and handle multiple priorities.

Ability to establish and maintain excellent working relationships with coworkers, employees, vendors, and elected officials.

Ability to develop, recommend, and manage benefit budgets.

Ability to read and interpret financial information.

Ability to facilitate employee committees.

Strong customer service skills.

Skill in developing, manipulating, and interpreting spreadsheets and other financial and numerical data.

Knowledge of laws and regulations governing employee benefits.

Excellent written and oral communication skills, including effective presentations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree in business or public administration, human resources, or related field, and considerable experience in benefits administration. Current certification as CEBS, SPHR, or IPMA-CP or -CS desirable, or any equivalent combination of acceptable education and experience providing the knowledge, abilities, and skills cited above.

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IDENTIFICATION OF GENERAL APTITUDES AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Position Title: Human Resource Specialist Senior Position Number: 553
Department: Human Resources Division: _____

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that we identify the general aptitudes and physical requirements needed to perform the job listed above. Individuals who have the position must be able to perform all essential job functions unaided or with reasonable accommodation.

I. *Mental Abilities:* General learning ability. The ability to “catch on” or understand instructions and underlying principles.

- Ability to understand and follow oral instruction
- Ability to understand and follow written instruction
- Ability to guide and/or give instructions
- Ability to make decisions in accordance with established procedures and policies
- Not essential to job function

II. *Verbal Abilities:* Ability to understand meanings of words and ideas associated with them and to use them effectively. To comprehend language, to understand relationships between words, and to understand meanings of whole sentences and paragraphs. To present information or ideas clearly.

1. Speaking/Talking:

- Answer telephone, radio or switchboard
- Communicating with County officials
- Communicating with general public
- Communicating with vendors
- Communicating with supervisors and/or with other employees
- Communicating with others _____
- _____
- Not essential to job functions

2. Hearing/Listening:

- For communication with County officials, public, vendors, supervisors and/or other employees
- Not essential to job function.

3. Reading: (ability to read and understand text)

- Essential to job function
- Not essential to job function

III. Numerical: Ability to perform arithmetic operations quickly and accurately.

- Ability to mentally perform accurate two digit calculations
- Ability to perform accurate calculations aided by a calculator, adding machine or measurement device

IV. Spatial Abilities: Ability to comprehend forms in space and understand relationships of plane and solid objects. May be used in such tasks as blue print reading and in solving geometry problems. Frequently described as the ability to “visualize” objects of two or three dimensions, or to think visually of geometric forms.

- Essential function
- Not essential function

V. Motor Coordination: Ability to coordinate eyes and hands or fingers rapidly and accurately in making precise movements with speed. Ability to make a movement response accurately and quickly.

1. Manual Dexterity: Ability to move the hands easily and skillfully. To work with the hands in placing and turning motions.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use telephone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manipulate computer keyboard and mouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use switchboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Use postage machine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use radio/console | <input type="checkbox"/> Use hand tools |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a calculator | <input type="checkbox"/> Use power tools |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a copy machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use a fax machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function |

2. Finger Dexterity: Ability to move the fingers and manipulate small objects with the fingers rapidly or accurately. For example: electrical wiring.

- Essential to job function
- Not essential to job function

Explain: _____

VI. Physical Demands:

1. **Strength:** The quality, state or property of being strong. The power to withstand strain, force, or stress.

Please check (✓) in appropriate boxes below.

Ability to manipulate materials and/or equipment (lbs)							Frequency of Manipulation		
	5-	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-50	50+	Occasionally	Frequently	Continuously
Lift		✓					✓		
Push/Pull		✓					✓		
Hold/Carry		✓					✓		

Manipulation done from: ground to waist waist level waist to shoulder above shoulder
(Check all that apply)

Not essential to job function: Lift Push/Pull Hold/Carry (Check all that apply)

2. **Climbing:** To move up or mount by using the hands or feet.

Ladders

Stairways

Steps

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Step stool | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 flight | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8' to 10' step ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 flights | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more flights | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not essential to job function |

3. **Ability to Stand, Sit, Walk, and Run:**

Please check (✓) in appropriate boxes below.

	Duration (hours/day)						Occasionally	Frequently	Continuously
	0-1	1-3	3-5	5-7	7-9	9+			
Stand	✓						✓		
Sit			✓					✓	
Walk	✓						✓		
Run									

If walking or running, over what type of terrain? flat rough both

Not essential to job function: Stand Sit Walk Run (Check all that apply)

4. Stooping, Kneeling, Crouching, and /or Crawling:

To bend forward or down from the middle of the waist or the middle of the back, to bend downwards, to lower oneself and/or to move freely on hands and knees.

Daily Amounts

- 0-5x 5-20x 20-50x 50+x
 Other _____ Not essential to job function

5. Reaching, Handling, Fingering, and/or Feeling:

To stretch out, extend, or put forth a bodily part. To touch or grasp something, by extending or stretching. To touch, lift, hold or operate with the hands.

Daily Amounts

- 0-5x 5-20x 20-50x 50+x
 Other _____ Not essential to job function

6. Seeing: To perceive or comprehend by the sense of sight.

Essential to job function: These characteristics are necessary (Check all that apply)

- Peripheral vision
- Night vision
- Focus (distinctness or clarity)
- Color perception (discriminate between colors)
- Depth perception (determine distance relationship between objects)
- Not essential to job function

VII. Driving: The ability to transfer or convey in a vehicle.

Transmission	Standard	Automatic	Multi-Gears
Car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Van w/equipment and lift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Truck w/Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy Bus Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not essential to job function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (list) _____			

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