

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Professionals
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SENIOR ACCOUNTANT (WATER BOARD)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position has the responsibility for performing professional accounting work in the maintenance of financial records of Mohawk Valley Water Authority accounts and outside agencies doing business with the Mohawk Valley Water Authority. The work requires a general understanding of applicable Federal and State laws, and Mohawk Valley Water Authority rules, procedures, and policies. Employees in this class are expected to apply professional accounting principles and methods to a variety of accounting problems, following professional accounting standards determined by regulations or by statutory requirements. The work is performed under general supervision of the Comptroller, with leeway allowed for the exercise of professional judgement in carrying out details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate accounting and clerical personnel. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Reviews monthly trial balances, proposing adjustment where necessary, and preparing monthly financial statements for presentation to the Board of Directors;
Reviews annual trial balance, preparing adjusting entries where necessary, and prepares financial statements with accompanying notes to those financial statements for inclusion in the MVWA annual financial report;
Analyzes accounting and bookkeeping systems, and make recommendations for changes to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the system;
Reconciles monthly revenues and expenditures from subsidiary and control accounts;
Analyzes balance sheets on a regular basis to ensure proper procedures were followed in reconciling entries and coding revenues and disbursements;
Prepares support schedules for numerous reports, including annual financial report, etc.;
Solves complex accounting problems, ensuring that procedures and policies comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP);
Maintains general and subsidiary ledgers of the general fund and other funds and accounts by analyzing and journalizing entries;
Forecasts income and expense, and graphs cash flow;
Compiles data relative to the preparation of the monthly and quarterly reports;
Prepares bonded indebtedness schedules, including amortization of principal and interest charges;
Operates a computer in statistical and accounting analysis of daily, weekly, monthly and annual activities.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of local and State laws and regulations which affect local agency activities, and of modern accounting principles and techniques, and ability to apply these in the performance of duties; good knowledge of modern methods used in keeping and checking financial records and reports; good knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and internal control structures; good knowledge of office methods and procedures, and familiarity with the use of standard office equipment; ability to carry out oral and written instructions; ability to operate a computer in application to financial record keeping and fiscal management; ability to draft and write financial audit reports; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others; good judgement.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Possession of Master's Degree in accounting or closely related field equivalent; **OR**
- (B) Possession of Bachelor Degree in accounting, business administration, finance, economics or a closely related field, including or supplemented by eighteen (18) semester credit hours in accounting, **AND** two (2) years of full-time experience in professional accounting or financial auditing.

NOTE: Degree(s) must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If the degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, the candidate must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. Candidates will be required to pay the evaluation fee.

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