Job Title: Finance Purchasing Agent, Level 3 (Provisional)

Job ID: 21614

Location: College of Staten Island

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

GENERAL DUTIES

This class of positions encompasses responsible purchasing of a variety of materials with varying degree of latitude. For independent initiative and judgment and supervisory work of a major subdivision in a large bureau or purchasing organization. There are three assignment levels within this class of positions. All personnel perform related work.

Assignment Level I

Under general supervision, with limited latitude for independent or unreviewed action or decision in accordance with standard procedures and legal requirements, performs work of limited difficulty and responsibility in one or more of the following areas:

- Is responsible for the purchase of a volume and variety of materials in assigned fields.
- Reviews purchasing requisitions, checking descriptions and specifications to determine their accuracy and adequacy and consults with department and agencies to adjust possible discrepancies.
- Analyzes market conditions in relation to recent, current, and anticipated purchases.
- Prepares proposals for bidding on items to be purchased.
- Develops lists of prospective bidders.
- Reviews bids and quotations to determine most reasonable price in relation to market conditions and responsibility of bidders and makes recommendations based on these determinations.
- Examines samples of items to determine compliance with specifications or standards, suggesting substitute items when desirable.
- Interviews and corresponds with vendors, business representatives and contractors.
- Analyzes trade journals, catalogs, directories and other technical material with respect to market and price conditions.
- Prepares necessary purchasing documents in accordance with procurement requirements.
- May supervise Assistant Purchasing Agents and clerical personnel.
- Keeps records and makes copies.

Assignment Level II

Under general supervision, with considerable latitude for independent or unreviewed action or direction, in accordance with standard procedures and legal requirements, handles more complex problems in one or more of the following:

- Is responsible for the purchasing of materials in assigned fields which involve a large expenditure of money and the more complex purchasing problems that are continual in nature, due to such factors as seasonal variations, number and variety of items, frequency and extent of emergency purchases, complicated and non-standard nature of items
purchased, and liabilities and consequences resulting from purchasing errors.

- May incidentally perform duties described under Assignment Level I.

Assignment Level III

Under direction, with wide latitude for independent or unreviewed action or decision, performs supervisory work in one or more of the following, after having performed duties at Assignment Level I and/or II at least two years:

- Supervises and coordinates the purchasing activities of a subdivision consisting of two or more commodity units.
- Makes investigations in relation to purchase and handles special assignments as required.
- Reviews contract and calendar proposals before advertising.
- Approves recommendations for contract awards, contract modifications, buy-against transactions, formal requests for time extension on contracts, etc.
- Supervises various activities in connection with open market transactions.
- Supervises personnel in the titles of Assistant Purchasing Agents and other clerical personnel.
- May incidentally perform duties described under lower Assignment Levels.
- May, during temporary absence of immediate superior, perform the duties of that individual.

CONTRACT TITLE

Purchasing Agent

FLSA

Non-exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Reporting to the Director of Purchasing, the Finance Purchasing Agent:

- Conducts market research utilizing external sources as well as CUNY database to identify prospective vendors
- Investigates purchases of other purchasing agents to ensure compliance of rules and regulations
- Prepares and coordinates Invitations for Bids (IFBs), Requests for Quotes (RFQs) and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for complex and high-dollar solicitations
- Posts solicitations on the NY State Controller site, as well as administer solicitations and responds to prospective vendors’ inquiries and questions
- Assists Purchasing Director with training staff members using various websites and on-line applications and acts as a team leader on reinforcing directives of the Purchasing Director
- Evaluates quotes and proposals, obtains legal clearance on proposed by proposers’ terms and conditions, and conducts pre-proposal and pre-award conferences
- Administers long-term contracts and multi-year agreements
- Administers Purchasing, Travel, and NET Card programs
- Handles special assignments per Purchasing Director’s request
- May, during temporary absence of immediate supervisor, performs the duties of that individual such as approving purchase orders in the State Financial System (SFS)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. High school graduation or its equivalent and four years of full-time, paid experience in purchasing a large volume and/or variety of materials, supplies, or equipment, two years of which may have been in a field closely related to large-scale purchasing such as inspection or specification writing covering a large volume and/or variety of materials,
supplies or equipment; OR

2. A baccalaureate degree, from an accredited college, in marketing, materials testing, mathematics, merchandising, purchasing, retailing, economics, or finance and one (1) year of full-time, paid experience in purchasing a large volume of materials, supplies or equipment; OR

3. A combination of education and/or experience which is equivalent to 1 or 2.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Preferred qualifications include:
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and five years of experience in preparing and coordinating Invitations for Bids (IFBs), Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for complex and high-dollar procurements, publication of public procurements, pre-bid and pre-award conferences and administering multi-year contracts in the fields such as contract management, procurement, project management, proposal management, being category/supply chain buyer, pricing specialist or expeditor is highly desired.
- Knowledge of CUNY Purchasing policies and procedures
- Working knowledge of CUNYfirst system or PeopleSoft software system
- Intermediate level of Excel knowledge

COMPENSATION

New Hire: $61,569*
Incumbent: $69,575

*This amount reflects a 13% salary suppression in effect for the first 24 months of employment only.

BENEFITS

CUNY offers a comprehensive benefits package to employees and eligible dependents based on job title and classification. Employees are also offered pension and Tax-Deferred Savings Plans. Part-time employees must meet a weekly or semester work hour criteria to be eligible for health benefits. Health benefits are also extended to retirees who meet the eligibility criteria.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please visit https://cuny.jobs/ and enter the Job ID# in the “What” section field. Candidates must attach a resume, cover letter, and three professional references (name, title, organization, and contact information) as one file.

CLOSING DATE

February 11, 2020

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CUNY encourages people with disabilities, minorities, veterans and women to apply. At CUNY, Italian Americans are also included among our protected groups. Applicants and employees will not be discriminated against on the basis of any legally protected category, including sexual orientation or gender identity. EEO/AA/Vet/Disability Employer.