

## CITY OF ST. LOUIS CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

### CLASSIFICATION

**TITLE:** Comptroller

**CLASS CODE:** 1489

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:**

Incumbents in this classification are responsible for managing all financial matters and assets of the City of St. Louis. Incumbents direct operations of the Comptroller's office to ensure all financial transactions are handled in a fiscally appropriate manner so that cash flow to the city is maximized and expenditures for city services are minimized.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This is an advanced-level executive classification in the Fiscal Series – Financial Management Group job family within the City of St. Louis. Incumbents within this classification perform complex duties with a variety of related tasks. The distinguishing characteristics of this classification within the series include authority for managing city finances and assets.

Incumbents are free to plan, direct and organize all phases of work necessary for its completion within broad program guidance.

Incumbents have full authority to establish comprehensive objectives and strategies for a department and its major subdivisions. This level of work considers all internal and external forces and developments on department strategies and goals, guides the integrated planning for functional activities, and continually reviews both objectives and their implementation for effectiveness.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK (Illustrative Only):**

***(The list of duties is intended to be representative of the duties performed in positions within this classification. It does not include all the duties that may be assigned to a position and is not necessarily descriptive of any one position in this class.)***

Plans, organizes, coordinates and controls the work unit's operations/programs to establish operational priorities, coordinate these operations with other functions within the agency, and ensure program objectives and standards are established, attained and congruent with overall goals.

Contributes to the formulation and justification of budgetary requests for the agency as a whole.

Determines performance evaluation standards and procedures to provide information to subordinate staff on individual work performance expectations to ensure complete and objective appraisal of subordinates' performance.

Develops and directs the implementation of operational plans pertinent to managed operations/programs to ensure the establishment of appropriate goals and the development of action steps to achieve these goals.

Develops and recommends new and revised statutes, rules, policies, and procedures to respond to changes in operational/program needs, objectives, and priorities and to improve the effectiveness of managed operations/programs.

Oversees the management all accounting functions that flow through the Comptroller's office, such as payables, grants, bonds, and payment of debt obligations.

Controls city spending of millions of dollars per year.

Directs the preparation of the annual budget; monitors throughout year to ensure balance between fiscal conservatism and operational efficiency goals.

Approves expenditures, revenues and financial reporting for the majority of city departments.

Manages process responsible for issuance and management of city's debt.

Develops and refines strategies used to improve and maintain long-term debt rating.

Advises other city department heads and officials; guides financial decisions.

Act as a member of the Board of Trustees of pension funds.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

### **Data Utilization:**

Requires the ability to perform mid to upper-level data analysis including the ability to coordinate, strategize, systemize and correlate, using discretion in determining time, place and/or sequence of operations within an organizational framework. Requires the ability to implement decisions based on such data, and overseeing the execution of these decisions.

### **Human Interaction:**

Requires the ability to manage and direct a large group of employees, which may include first-line supervisors. Oversees and controls employee discipline, selection and allocation, and planning of human resources.

### **Equipment, Machinery, Tools and Materials Use:**

Requires the ability to operate, maneuver and/or provide simple but continuous adjustment on equipment, machinery and tools such as a personal computer, calculator and/or materials used in performing essential functions.

**Verbal Aptitude:**

Requires the ability to utilize a variety of reference, descriptive and advisory data and information such as financial statements, audit status reports, appraisals, budgets, performance appraisals, regulations, guidelines and non-routine correspondence.

**Mathematical Aptitude:**

Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; calculate percentages, and decimals; requires the ability to interpret descriptive statistics.

**Functional Reasoning:**

Requires the ability to apply principles of influence systems such as supervision, managing, leading, teaching, directing, planning, coordinating and controlling. Ability to exercise independent judgment to apply facts and principles for developing approaches and techniques to problem resolution.

**Situational Reasoning:**

Requires the ability to exercise the judgment, decisiveness and creativity required in situations involving the direction, control and planning of an entire program or multiple programs.

**Environmental Factors:**

Work is normally performed in an office environment under generally safe and comfortable conditions where exposure to irate individuals poses a very limited risk of injury.

**Physical Requirements:**

Tasks involve the ability to exert light physical effort in sedentary to light work, but which may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects weighing five to ten pounds, such as legal transcripts.

Tasks may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or workstation.

**Sensory Requirements:**

Requires the ability to recognize and identify degrees of similarities or differences between characteristics of colors, shapes and sounds associated with job-related objects, materials and tasks, such as participating on advisory boards.

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