VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT

Hiring for this position is governed by the Veterans Employment Opportunity Act of 1998 ("VEOA"), as made applicable by the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 ("CAA"). Pursuant to the VEOA, qualified applicants who are not current employees of the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms and who are disabled or who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces during certain specified time periods or in certain military designated campaigns ("veterans") may be eligible to receive a preference over non-veterans in hiring decisions. Family members of veterans may also be eligible to receive a veterans' preference if the veteran cannot claim his or her veterans' preference.

To be eligible for a veterans' preference, applicants must meet all of the requirements set forth in the VEOA and applicable regulations. Those eligibility requirements are summarized in the Application for Veterans' Preference, which is available at www.senate.gov/saaemployment.

If claiming a veterans' preference, an applicant must indicate that he/she is preference eligible on the application or resume and must submit a completed copy of the Application for Veterans' Preference along with the supporting documentation specified on that form. If the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms does not receive the Application for Veterans' Preference and supporting documentation by the closing date, the applicant's claim for a veterans' preference may be denied.

Applicants may obtain a copy of the Office's Veterans' Preference In Appointments policy by submitting a written request to resumes@saa.senate.gov.

Individuals who are entitled to a veterans' preference are invited to self-identify voluntarily. This information is intended solely for use in connection with the obligations and efforts of the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms to provide veterans' preference to preference-eligible applicants in accordance with the VEOA. An applicant's status as a disabled veteran and any information regarding an applicant's disability, including the applicant's medical condition and history, will be kept confidential and will be collected, maintained and used in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as made applicable by section 102(a)(3) of the CAA, 2 U.S.C. §1302(a)(3). An applicant who declines to self-identify as a disabled veteran and/or to provide information and documentation regarding his/her disabled veteran's status will not be subjected to an adverse employment action, but the individual may be ruled ineligible for a veterans' preference.

PRINCIPAL SYSTEMS ENGINEER

NATURE OF WORK

This is advanced professional work implementing, maintaining and supporting information technology and telecommunications services and systems. Work in this classification is distinguished from the Senior Systems Engineer by its level of technological expertise and/or project management assignment. As technical expert, the incumbent may be called upon to research and resolve issues escalated by other support groups, as well as recommend long-term strategic directions for Senate technology. As Project Manager, the incumbent may be assigned project management responsibilities which include the coordination and review of work efforts and monitoring of timetables. Work is performed under the general direction of a Manager or Supervisor.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

(This list is not absolute or restrictive, but indicates approximate duties and responsibilities which may be redefined pursuant to operational needs.)

- Provides long-range strategic planning activities for the Senate in the areas of information technology or telecommunications hardware, software, storage solutions, and networking systems; monitors the impact of technological developments; identifies emerging technologies.

- Provides expert-level technical support on Senate hardware, software, storage solutions, and network systems to vendors, other technical staff, and other divisions and departments; resolves critical and complex systems, applications, storage or communications performance problems.

- Serves as project manager on assigned projects; plans, assigns, directs and coordinates work efforts; develops project plans, time tables and staff assignments.

- Leads product evaluations and technical studies and task forces; directs pilot testing programs; analyzes new technology for its impact on the various Senate environments; tests new releases on Senate supported platforms; develops product configuration standards for use in the Senate environments; recommends strategic direction for the Senate.

- Customizes, tests, recommends and configures operating and network systems and software platforms; monitors, evaluates and resolves hardware/software configuration system performance problems; recommends third party software on z/OS and other operating systems.

- Plans and upgrades databases; recommends and tests database systems.

- Designs, deploys, implements, configures, administers and maintains the Virtual Machine Infrastructure (VMI) Environment; provides project management for the consolidation and migration of systems into the VMI environment.

- Manages current storage capacity and ensures storage is available to support all mainframe environments; plans for future storage growth; monitors and confirms that system files and application products are successfully backed-up; recommends and tests necessary installations, patches, and upgrades.

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- Ability to communicate effectively.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A security clearance may be required.

Professional certification(s) may be required.

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