NETWORK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

Salary Range: 14 (Management Salary Schedule)

DEFINITION

Under general direction, performs a wide variety of professional and technical duties related to the implementation, configuration, administration, monitoring and support of the information technology infrastructure including physical and virtual server systems, the virtual desktop infrastructure, Windows server infrastructure services, data and storage area networks, disk storage systems, backup and disaster recovery systems, security systems, and infrastructure management solutions. Provides technical support, training, and documentation to City users and IT staff as needed; serves as primary interface between users and vendors regarding technical issues; plans, schedules, assigns, and reviews the work of assigned technical support staff; supports the technical infrastructure procurement process; performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the full supervisory-level class with responsibility for administering the technology infrastructure and providing tier II/III technical support to IT Division staff and users, supervising technical support staff within the Information Technology Division, and supporting the technical infrastructure procurement process. This class is distinguished from the Sr. Network Services Administrator in that the latter acts as IT Manager when the IT Manager is absent, assists with the development and management of the budget, qualifies all major technology infrastructure design changes, and provides the highest level of technical support to the City.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED AND RECEIVED

The incumbent receives general direction from the IT Manager, and exercises general and direct supervision over assigned staff.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITIES

Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Participates in the design of technology infrastructure solutions.
- Performs monthly VDI base image updates and administers virtual desktop pools; administers VDI profiles and application layering; installs and upgrades components of the VDI infrastructure; provides technical support to users of the VDI infrastructure.
- Administers the VMware vSphere environment and performs vCenter and ESXi host updates and upgrades as needed.
- Administers Windows server infrastructure services including Active Directory, DNS, DFS, and DHCP; manages Active Directory users and groups, logon\logoff\startup\shutdown scripts, group policies, file shares and access permissions; performs basic Microsoft Exchange server administration tasks such as creating mailboxes, contacts, and distribution groups; administers print servers and multifunction print devices.
- Automates tasks and processes whenever possible through advanced scripting techniques and group policy management.

- Participates in the regular deployment of security patches and updates to server, network, and storage systems.
- Administers enterprise antivirus management systems ensuring security of network devices, servers and workstations.
- Evaluates and recommends vendor hardware and software products for purchase; purchases and installs server, network, and storage system hardware and replaces faulty equipment or equipment which has reached end of useful life; tracks equipment information including status, location, warranty and hardware replacement status in the inventory management system.
- Configures, troubleshoots and performs maintenance on server and disk storage systems, routers, switches, and related equipment; coordinates problem resolution with outside vendors including outside consultants.
- Upgrades and maintains server applications used by City departments.
- Provides lead supervision to assigned staff including assigning, directing and evaluating work.
- Renews and documents hardware maintenance and software support contracts which have been approved and included in the Information Technology Division budget.
- Manages internal technology infrastructure projects, provides cost estimates, tracks project progress, prepares and presents project status reports.
- Provides technical support, leadership and training for IT staff and other users.
- Assists in establishing standards for the use of network system resources.
- Prepares clear and concise program documentation, user procedures and instructions.
- Serves as a liaison with other divisions, departments or program representatives.
- Responds to IT related inquiries from outside agencies regarding City activities.
- Develops and maintains technical expertise in assigned areas including awareness of current hardware, software, laws, regulations and rules.
- Attends meetings and may serve on various committees or boards relative to division activities.
- May coordinate programs which cross division or department lines.
- Performs related or other duties as assigned

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge of:

- Principals of and current trends in information technology design, implementation, and management
- Administration of Microsoft Windows Server operating systems including infrastructure services such as Active Directory, DNS, DHCP, DFS, and KMS
- Automating recurring tasks using batch scripts and Microsoft PowerShell
- VMware vSphere installation, administration, and maintenance
- VMware Horizon View virtual desktop infrastructure installation, administration, and maintenance

- Administration of VDI environment management solutions such as VMware User Environment Manager or Liquidware ProfileUnity
- Administration of application layering solutions such as VMware AppVolumes or Liquidware FlexApp
- Administration of Layer 2 network switches including management of interface speed/duplex, flow control, and frame size, and configuring and managing VLANS, trunks, and Spanning Tree Protocol
- Management and administration of iSCSI storage area networks and enterprise storage systems. Configuring Microsoft iSCSI initiators on Windows Servers and iSCSI software adapters on VMware ESXi hosts
- Administrative principles and methods, including goal setting, implementation and control, and personnel supervision
- Storage Area Networks, Network Attached Storage, and network file systems
- Basic Microsoft Exchange Server administration and management of e-mail filtering and archiving appliances
- Administration of enterprise antivirus and backup and disaster recovery solutions
- Internet monitoring, filtering and reporting
- Basic Microsoft SQL Server Database and Microsoft Exchange Server administration and security
- Administration of File, Print, and Application servers
- Help desk system management and technical support techniques
- Current computer industry technology, practices and trends, including system development and administration
- Principles and practices of project management
- Principles and practices of employee supervision, including work planning, assignment, review and evaluation, discipline, and the training of staff in work procedures
- Applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and guidelines relevant to assigned duties
- Occupational hazards and standard safety practices necessary in the area of computer operations
- Modern office practices, methods, and equipment, including personal computer hardware and software
- English usage, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and punctuation
- Techniques for dealing effectively with the public, vendors, contractors and City staff, in person and over the telephone
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service to public and City staff, in person and over the telephone

Ability to:

- Troubleshoot complex technical problems; develop and implement complex technical solutions on multiple hardware and software platforms
- Communicate effectively and explain software usage to computer users of all skill levels
- Respond appropriately, effectively and promptly to the needs of internal and external

customers using principles of good customer service

- Train and instruct others in work procedures
- Utilize discretion in the handling and disclosure of confidential information
- Organize and set priorities for a variety of projects and tasks in an effective and efficient manner to ensure meeting of deadlines
- Prepare clear and concise program documentation, user procedures, reports of work performed, and other written materials
- Exercise sound independent judgment within established guidelines
- Assist in the development and implementation of goals, objectives, practices, policies, procedures, and work standards
- Supervise, train, plan, organize, schedule, assign, review and evaluate the work of assigned staff to most effectively meet the needs of the City
- Understand, interpret, and apply general and specific administrative and departmental policies and procedures
- Analyze, interpret, apply and enforce Federal, State and local policies, procedures, laws and regulations
- Understand, interpret, and successfully communicate both orally and in writing pertinent department policies and procedures
- Utilize discretion in the handling and disclosure of confidential information
- Prepare clear and concise program documentation, user procedures, reports of work performed, and other written materials
- Learn the functions of various City departments and divisions
- Organize and prioritize work, and meet critical time deadlines
- Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software programs
- Use tact, initiative, prudence and independent judgment within general policy, procedural and legal guidelines
- Use English effectively to communicate in person, over the telephone and in writing
- Establish maintain, and foster effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work
- Meet the physical requirements necessary to safely and effectively perform the assigned duties

Minimum Qualifications

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in computer science, information technology, management information services or a closely related field, and six (6) years of increasingly responsible network and server systems management experience in an IT environment consisting of multiple platforms, large-scale applications with multiple operating systems including at least one (1) year of experience supervising technical staff preferably in a public agency. Additional experience may substitute for the education on a year for year basis.

Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) or Systems Engineer (MCSE) and VMware Certified Professional (VCP) certifications are highly desirable.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

License Requirement

A valid California Class C driver license or higher with a satisfactory driving record is required at the time of appointment. Individuals who do not meet this requirement due to a disability will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Physical Requirements

The incumbent appointed to this class must be physically able to perform the duties of this position, including the mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer; the ability to operate a motor vehicle and to visit various City sites and attend off-site meetings; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; hearing and speech to communicate in person, before groups and over the telephone; finger dexterity to access, enter and retrieve data using a computer keyboard, typewriter keyboard or calculator and to operate standard office equipment; ability to bend, stoop, kneel, reach, push and pull drawers open and closed to retrieve and file information; occasionally lift and carry computer and other equipment, reports and records that typically weigh less than 50 pounds; may move heavy and/or awkward objects to gain access to computer networks.

Working Conditions

Incumbents work in an office environment with moderate noise levels, controlled temperature conditions and no direct exposure to hazardous physical substances, and may interact with upset staff and/or public representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures. Employees may be required to work on evenings, weekends and holidays, and participate in afterhours on-call assignments.

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This job specification should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Not all duties are necessarily performed by each incumbent. Additionally, incumbents may be required to follow any other instructions and to perform any other related duties as may be required by their supervisor.

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