



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: DEPUTY SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS AND BUREAU CHIEFS
From: Dianna L. Taylor
Bureau Chief of Personnel Management
Subject: Technical Vacancy
Date: September 12, 2017

Attached are the Position Summary Sheet and Position Description for the vacant technical position listed below. Please post this vacancy announcement Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the designated areas.

The deadline for applicants to submit their applications for consideration is **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017**. Applications will not be accepted after that time and date.

NOTE: A copy of each applicant's ACTIVE Illinois Professional Engineer License must accompany application for this position. Please be advised that if a high volume of applications are received, the applications may be screened to establish a smaller pool of applicants for interview. The screening will be based on the information contained in the application.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Personnel Management at 217/782-5594.

CE VI

Land Acquisition Engineer
Region 3/District 4/Program Development
Office of Highways Project Implementation
Peoria

Attachments
42225

Technical Applications [PM1080 rev 6/1/17](#)****must be received** by the Bureau of Personnel Management, Room 113, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764 (Fax# 217/557-3134) or emailed to DOT.CO.BPM.EmploymentApplications@Illinois.gov by **Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 4:30 p.m.** Please include address, daytime phone and position for which applying if not already listed on application. Applicants will be notified in writing to schedule interviews.

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Position Summary Sheet

Classification:	Civil Engineer VI	Salary:	\$6,945 - \$8,983*
Position Title:	Land Acquisition Engineer	Union Position:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Position Number:	PW116-23-54-301-00-01	IPR#:	42225

Office/Central Bureau/District/Work Address:

OHPI / Region 3 / District 4 / Bureau of Program Development / 401 Main Street, Peoria, IL

Description Of Duties:

This position is accountable for providing overall direction for district land acquisition activities including acquiring the necessary rights-of-way required to successfully complete the district highway construction program; managing state-owned property; administering the *State Relocation Program*, the *Highway Advertising Control Act* and the *Recyclers and Junkyard Control Act*; monitoring the local agency acquisitions; and directing highway and land surveys in the district.

Special Qualifications:

Required:

- Current Illinois Professional Engineer license
- Frequent statewide travel
- Valid driver's license

Desired:

- Ten years' experience in the practice of civil engineering of which at least six years should be in the specific area of highway engineering, four years of which should include the planning and supervision of significant engineering work
- Comprehensive knowledge of the modern methods and practices of directing highway and land surveys
- Ability to promote, establish and maintain harmonious relationships with staff and the general public
- Strong oral and written communication skills; and experience communicating with the public

Shift/Remarks:

8:00 am – 4:30 pm / Monday – Friday

THIS POSITION IS COVERED UNDER THE REVOLVING DOOR PROHIBITION (RDP) POLICY.

*Individual salary offers are computed based on an applicant's current position and experience level in comparison to the posted title as well as internal equity of staff in the organizational unit.

**Technical Application PM1080 (revised 6/1/17) is required. No previous version of the PM1080 will be accepted.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

DATE:	June 16, 2017	POSITION:	Land Acquisition Engineer
APPROVED BY:	<i>Kensil Garnett</i> <hr/> Kensil Garnett, Region Engineer	OFFICE/DIVISION:	OHPI/Region 3/District 4 Bureau of Program Development
CODE:	PW116-23-54-301-00-01	REPORTS TO:	Program Development Engineer

Position Purpose

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Dimensions

Staff:	5 Direct; 18-31 Indirect
Average Construction Program:	\$65-\$185 Million
Average Acquisition Program:	\$3.0 to \$13 Million
Average Parcels Acquired Annually:	400-700/35-50 Projects

Nature and Scope

This position reports to the Program Development Engineer as do the Studies and Plans Engineer, Project Support Engineer, Programming Engineer, Program Support Technician, and an Executive Secretary. Reporting to this position are the Appraisal Unit Supervisor, Acquisition Supervisor, Chief of Plats and Plans, Condemnation Engineer, Chief of Surveys.

This position is responsible for ensuring that those citizens who are displaced or affected by the state receive just compensation for their property while equally ensuring that the state does not overcompensate for its acquisitions. It supervises those involved in the management of state-owned property and ensures that all surveys are completed in a timely manner, including geodetic, topographic, highway and land surveys for the design of highway plans, and control monumenting for aerial surveys. The incumbent operates in an engineering environment and must therefore combine engineering, real estate and management judgment to make sound decisions on land acquisition matters.

Typical problems confronting the incumbent are of a technical nature and concern such as areas of complex appraisals, complex title problems, engineering and surveying problems and human relations problems involved in negotiations. The greatest challenge is to acquire land in accordance with predetermined time schedules, established policies and laws with a minimum amount of public dissatisfaction.

The incumbent personally performs such duties as consulting with attorneys, court officers, county and state officials; writing and reviewing various types of agreements; initiating and answering correspondence; providing technical expertise within the district; researching agreements and documents to answer real property questions both in-house and for the public; establishing priorities for the staff; attending pretrial conferences; developing trial strategy; monitoring work to ensure it is on schedule; overseeing consultant contracts; monitoring the section budget; and ensuring that staff members consider the possibility and impact of hazardous waste and asbestos on real estate to be acquired by the Department. The incumbent may submit recommendations on new land acquisition policies to her or his supervisor for final approval through the Central Bureau of Land Acquisition.

The incumbent participates in planning and scheduling the district Annual Construction Program by determining which right of ways and easements must be obtained prior to placing a project on a letting and ensures that the right of ways are acquired on schedule. The incumbent attends public hearings and information meetings as an official IDOT representative to speak on limited technical matters related to obtaining the right of ways necessary for a project.

Additionally, the incumbent, with prior approval from her/his supervisor, has authority to finalize negotiations for complex land acquisitions.

The incumbent accomplishes goals through the following staff:

Appraisal Unit Supervisor – accountable for providing appraisal services, acquiring right-of-way by voluntary conveyance from landowners, and managing the District's Signboard Program and Junkyard Control Program.

Acquisition Supervisor – accountable for right-of-way by voluntary conveyance from landowners, assisting in relocation efforts, and managing state-owned property.

Chief of Plats and Plans – accountable for preparing, reviewing for accuracy, and maintaining all plans, plats, legal descriptions, and associated documents used by the district for right-of-way appraisal and acquisition.

Condemnation Engineer – accountable for acquiring land through eminent domain proceedings; for providing engineering expertise in acquisition activities; for providing general acquisition services; and for supervising data input and retrieval utilizing the Land Acquisition system.

Chief of Surveys – accountable for providing all district highway and land surveying services.

The incumbent has broad latitude for supervising all section functions. Superiors are consulted to discuss administrative and court settlements and whether to appeal unfavorable verdicts. The incumbent has authority to recommend personnel and salary changes. The position operates under departmental policy, eminent domain laws, and various statutes.

Internal contacts include daily contact with district management for the purpose of exchanging information and coordinating activities and with the Central Bureau of Land Acquisition for providing or obtaining information. Externally, the incumbent is in frequent contact with local government officials to assist with right-of-way problems; county recorders, abstractors and title companies; court officials, special assistants for legal assistance; the Federal Highway Administration; and the Attorney General's Office for assistance with more complex problems. Real estate brokers, professional appraisers, surveyors, acquisition firms, and consultants are frequently employed to provide services. Frequent travel is required within the state.

The effectiveness of this position is measured by the orderly accomplishment of the district acquisition program in a timely manner. The incumbent must meet the district schedule while providing utmost consideration for the people affected. Failure to meet all federal and legal requirements could result in loss of all federal participation in the total project costs.

Principal Accountabilities

1. Plans, organizes and directs the work of the sections to acquire the necessary right-of-way to meet predetermined letting schedules.
2. Accomplishes timely completion of eminent domain action through liaison with attorneys and court officials. Ensures that all highway and land surveys are completed on schedule.
3. Ensures that equitable administrative settlements are considered prior to condemnation actions.
4. Ensures that district signboard and junkyard control programs are accomplished on schedule and that state-owned property is properly managed.
5. Ensures the equitable administration of the district relocation program.
6. Oversees the coordination and evaluation of consultant firms providing services.
7. Trains, motivates, and evaluates subordinate personnel and ensures compliance with departmental policies, procedures and safety rules.
8. Performs duties in compliance with departmental safety rules. Performs all duties in a manner conducive to the fair and equitable treatment of all employees.
9. Performs other duties as assigned.