

Job Title: ENGINEERING TECH I - ASSISTANT BRIDGE INSPECTION TECHNICIAN - IPR#44892

Agency: Department of Transportation

Closing Date/Time: 04/21/2021

Salary: \$2,695 - \$4,735 Monthly

Job Type: Salaried Full Time

County: Sangamon

Number of Vacancies: 2

Plan/BU: NR916

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HOW TO APPLY:

Technical Applications PM1080 (rev 3/8/21) 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 the closing date listed above. The previous application form revised 10/16/20 will be accepted until May 8, 2021. Please visit <https://idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index> to download the Technical Application PM1080. Please indicate IPR#44892 on the Technical Application PM1080.

Applicants may submit college transcripts for completed coursework.

Agency Mission Statement

The Illinois Department of Transportation is seeking to hire Assistant Bridge Inspection Technicians. The IDOT team works diligently to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity and protect our environment. We are problem solvers and leaders, constantly searching for innovations and improvements in support of our commitment to providing the best multimodal transportation system for Illinois.

Our team fosters a culture of inclusivity. We value diversity and hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards as we work together for a common purpose. Team members frequently collaborate with colleagues and others outside the department to best meet customer needs.

Employees enjoy excellent benefits, including health, vision and dental insurance; a retirement plan and deferred compensation options; state holidays and other time off; tuition reimbursement; flexible schedules; and pre-tax benefit programs. The department also offers extensive training and career advancement opportunities.

We invite qualified applicants to apply to become part of our team. We are confident that you will take pride in serving Illinois and its residents and visitors.

Job Responsibilities

This position serves as a member of the technical team which makes detailed inspections of bridges throughout the state to fulfill the requirements of the National Bridge Inspection Standards and document deficiencies found to support load ratings and emergency repairs.

This position reports to the Bridge Inspection Group Technician. There are no subordinates reporting to this position.

The incumbent operates in an environment responsible for the inspection of major bridge structures throughout the state and the care and maintenance of precision instruments and equipment. S/He must be able to operate all the equipment and assist in its care and maintenance. The incumbent must be able to recognize and help establish the necessary traffic control in accordance with departmental standards to protect both motorists and the team and to minimize interference with highway traffic. S/He must have appreciable knowledge of bridge nomenclature and the ability to

recognize structural problems in a variety of bridge types and must report serious deficiencies immediately.

Both the greatest challenge and typical problems of the job lie in the search for and detection of problems that affect the structures and in trying to determine the reasons for those problems. These bridges represent a massive investment of public funds. Proper inspection is required to preserve this investment, to prevent structural failures, and to increase the level of public safety.

The incumbent personally participates in the detailed inspection of major bridge structures throughout the state. S/He may operate surveying instruments, surveying rods, and serve as inspector or note keeper. Responsibilities include sounding underwater areas around river piers and obtaining river bottom profiles and elevations with electronic depth sounding equipment; making observations of all bridge components and keeping notes, taking photographs and making sketches as needed to record the required information; and being aware of problems associated with welded bridges and being capable of testing for flaws and cracks associated with welds.

(Job Responsibilities continued)

The incumbent operates under direct supervision and is guided and constrained by department policies and procedures and by the rules and procedures of the National Bridge Inspection Standards. The incumbent has internal contact with the Bureau of Bridges and Structures. Externally, the incumbent has contacts with local public agencies, the Federal Highway Administration, district Bureaus of Operations, Coast Guard, and the public. This position requires continual travel and a person who has the ability to perform strenuous physical activities in an outdoor environment and who is able to safely work at great heights and in confined spaces. Access to many of the components of large bridges is very difficult and at considerable height above ground or water. Statewide travel with overnight stays more than 60 percent of the year is required.

The effectiveness of the position can be measured by the accuracy of work performed, the quality, and quantity of the inspection reports. Effective performance in this position also requires full cooperation with other team members and a willingness to work in an adverse environment of weather, debris, traffic conditions, and heights.

Principal Accountabilities

1. Assists in performing technical duties including instrument operation, precise measurements, and recording of observations in conjunction with detailed inspections of major bridge structures statewide.
2. Performs visual inspections of bridges to seek out damaged or deteriorated components, records and photographs problems detected, and assists in making recommendations for repair or structural analysis.
3. Assists in preparing bridge inspection reports under the direction of the Bridge Inspection Group Technician.
4. Operates and maintains a variety of expensive and sophisticated equipment used by the team.
5. Reviews traffic protection established by district team sections in accordance with department standards.
6. Assists in performing calculations in conjunction with the inspections and reports and in performing field calculations to ensure accuracy before inspections are finished.
7. Performs duties in compliance with departmental safety rules. Performs all duties in a manner conducive to the fair and equitable treatment of all employees.
8. Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Position Requirements

- Education/Experience:
 - Completion of two years of college in civil engineering technology; pre-engineering or a job related technical/science curriculum OR
 - Two years of engineering experience
- Ability to work in confined spaces and at extreme heights over land and water
- Statewide travel with overnight stays more than 60 percent of the year

- Valid drivers license

Position Desirables

- Experience in bridge inspection
- Working knowledge of mathematics to include trigonometry and the ability to perform necessary technical calculations in conjunction with inspections and reports
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Microstation

Work Hours: 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Thursday

Work Location: Springfield - 2300 S Dirksen Pkwy

Office: Office of Highways Project Implementation/Bridges & Structures

Agency Contact: DOT.CO.BPM.EmploymentApplications@Illinois.gov

Job Function: Transportation

Collective Bargaining Agreement language applies to this requisition

We are currently transitioning our application process away from paper process to an electronic application process. This position has not been transitioned please follow the directions below when applying to this position.

Please visit the IDOT website at <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index> to obtain the required bid forms and application forms.