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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY
#23-544

An opportunity currently exists in the unclassified service with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of Public Integrity & Accountability, for applicants who meet the requirements specified below:

TITLE: Detective 1 State Investigator, Law and Public Safety **OR** Detective 2 State Investigator, Law and Public Safety
SALARY: \$69,010.07 to \$98,948.78 \$79,160.20 to \$113,839.99
LOCATIONS: [Office of Public Integrity & Accountability](#)
Conviction Review Unit
Cedar Knolls, Trenton OR Cherry Hill, NJ
Statewide travel required for work responsibilities.

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: One (1) – Location preference required.

DUTIES: Under the general direction of the Executive Director of OPIA, the Chief of Detectives of the Division of Criminal Justice, the Deputy Chief of Detectives for OPIA, and other supervisory personnel, investigates all allegations relating to claims of actual innocence by persons convicted of indictable offenses in New Jersey State courts; handles all aspects of investigation, including file review, witness interviews, evidence recovery and submission to testing laboratories, and conducts work related to the detection, investigation and prosecution of cold cases, is authorized to exercise all powers and rights of police officers, constables, and special deputy sheriffs in criminal matters, and is empowered to act as an officer for the detection, apprehension, arrest, and conviction of offenders against the law. This position may also require non-traditional work hours, on an as needed basis, including evenings and weekends on short deadlines for certain assignments, with or without advance notice, and may require travel to perform the aforementioned responsibilities; performs other related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree.

EXPERIENCE:

DETECTIVE 1, STATE INVESTIGATOR, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Three (3) years of as a sworn law enforcement officer (OR) Successful completion of the Detective Trainee- State Investigator, Law and Public Safety program.

DETECTIVE 2, STATE INVESTIGATOR, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Four (4) years of investigatory experience as a sworn law enforcement officer conducting investigations, collecting evidence, and/or preparing investigative reports related to criminal and/or civil matters involving acts of criminal and/or civil misconduct.

NOTE: Experience as a police officer performing criminal follow-up investigations (not preliminary investigations) may be substituted for the above experience on a year-for- year basis.

NOTE: Applicants who do not possess the required education may substitute additional experience as required on a year-for-year basis with thirty (30) semester hour credits being equal to one (1) year of experience.

NOTE: A Master's degree or certification as a Certified Public Accountant may be substituted for one (1) year of indicated experience.

AGE: Not less than 18 years of age.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have successfully completed the police training commission course administered by the Police Training Commission. This training includes successful attainment of a required level of proficiency in the use of firearms.

NOTE: Appointees to this position shall qualify semi-annually in the use of firearms.

CITIZENSHIP: Must be a citizen of the United States.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION: As a prerequisite for appointment, appointees may be required to pass a thorough medical and psychiatric examination to be administered by the appointing authority. Any psychological, medical or physical condition or defect which would prevent efficient performance of the duties of the position, cause the appointee to be a hazard to himself/herself or others, or become aggravated as a result of performance of these duties, will be cause for rejection.

LICENSE: Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey.

SPECIAL NOTE: Current Department employees appointed to a Detective title must be willing to accept a lateral transfer, if selected.

PREFERENCE: Preference will be given to individuals who have experience working with the County Prosecutor's Office.

RESUME NOTE: Eligibility determinations will be based upon information presented in resume only. Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.

SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ CSC "SAME" program, your Schedule A or B letter must be submitted along with your resume and any other required supporting documents indicated on the announcement by the closing date indicated below. You are also required to apply via the NJ CSC SAME website. For more information on the SAME Program visit the CSC website at: <https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml> , email: SAME@csc.nj.gov, or call CSC at (833) 691-0404.

All offers of employment are conditional subject to the applicant agreeing to and then passing a background check that may include fingerprinting.

HOW TO APPLY: If qualified, please send a cover letter indicating interest in job vacancy announcement #23-544 with location preference a copy of your final unofficial transcripts, and a current resume including your Police Training Certificate Graduation date to the Recruitment Coordinator via email at Jobs@njoag.gov on or before the closing date of **October 2, 2023**.

Current Office of Public Integrity & Accountability employees need only send a resume and cover letter.
Applications submitted directly to the Office of Public Integrity & Accountability will not be considered.

The "New Jersey First Act," N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), requires new public employees to reside in the State of New Jersey within one (1) year of employment.

The Department of Law and Public Safety is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to inclusive hiring and dedicated to diversity in our staff. We strongly encourage people from all groups and communities to apply.

