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- ☒ Interested individuals who meet the stated requirements

**Issue Date:** April 26, 2024

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**TITLE:** Director of Communications **SALARY:** \$168,600.00

**LOCATION:** Central Office, Office of Public Information – Trenton, NJ

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Under direction, has charge of the work programs and staff concerned with internal and external communications; directs the activities pertaining to communications; media relations; including the writing of speeches and correspondence for executives, and the provision of information to the public regarding agency or departmental programs and policies; does related work as required.

*More specifically*, this position will be responsible for high-level leadership regarding the New Jersey Department of Corrections branded internal/external communication and outreach on all media platforms. This position manages and directs the Communications staff and serves as NJDOC's Public Information Officer; collaborates with senior leadership to align internal and external communication initiatives with the agency's objectives and develops complex communications programs inclusive of developing programmatic and communications strategies, crises and emergency communications strategies, and operational plans that inform and educate general and specialized (including media, intergovernmental agencies, and internal and external stakeholder) audiences on complex issues and high-priority operational issues.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from an accredited college with a Bachelor's degree.

**NOTE:** Applicants who do not meet the above educational requirements may substitute additional experience as indicated below on a year-for-year basis with thirty (30) semester hour credits being equal to one (1) year of experience.

**EXPERIENCE:** Six (6) years of experience in journalism, public relations, or a related field, two (2) years of which shall have been in a supervisory capacity.

**NOTE:** A Master's degree in journalism or related field may be substituted for one year of experience.

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