

POSITION PROFILE
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT



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POSITION: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

REPORTS TO: Chief Administrative Officer

HOW TO APPLY: Please submit a Resume and Cover letter to Shakmanexemptapplications@cookcountyil.gov

OVERVIEW

The Office of the Chief Administrative Officer seeks a Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to assist with oversight of the bureau. The role assists in the development of policies, programs and other executive functions. The position manages the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer staff.

Cook County offers great benefits and the chance to participate in a strong tradition of public service. Cook County is home to more than five million residents, roughly 45% of Illinois' population. Cook County Government provides a range of vital services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents across the region. These services range from health care to urban planning. Cook County is committed to empowering its employees to bring our constituents the best that public service has to offer.

WHY PURSUE A CAREER WITH COOK COUNTY?

In addition to providing employees with a challenging, rewarding environment for career and personal growth, we are proud to also offer some of the best benefits in the public sphere, including:

- Top Tier Medical Benefits: [Medical Plans](#), [Prescription Drug Benefit](#), [Dental Plans](#), [Vision Plan](#) and [7 Additional voluntary benefit plans](#)
- Flexible Teleworking Options
- Generous, Flexible Paid Time Off (13 paid designated holidays; Minimum of 10 vacation days annually; Up to 4 personal days annually; and Paid sick leave)
- [Pension Plan](#)
- Financial Support Programs and Resources: [Life Insurance](#), [Flexible Spending Accounts](#) – Dependent Day Care, [Commuter Benefits](#), Discounted Parking, PSLF Eligibility, [Deferred Compensation](#) and Education Tuition Stipend
- Health/Wellness Perks: [Flexible Spending Accounts-Health Care](#), [Employee Assistance Program](#) and [MyHealth Connections wellness program](#).

Please review carefully the [Employee Benefits](#) page. For benefits questions contact Risk Management at 312-603-6385 or email risk.mgmt@cookcountyil.gov.

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Cook County Employee



SNAPSHOT OF COOK COUNTY:

- Serves 5.28 million residents of Chicago and its inner suburbs
 - 2nd largest county in America
 - Larger than 27 states
- Cook County employs over 22,000 employees who work in a variety of skilled jobs and trades.
 - Nearly 80% unionized workforce
 - 15 unions represented
 - 63 separate collective bargaining agreements
- Highway – Cook County maintains almost 600 miles of roads and highways.
- Land – Cook County assesses the value of more than 1.5 million parcels of taxable land and collects and distributes tax funds as a service for local government taxing bodies.
- Safety – Cook County provides vital services to local government, from conducting elections in suburban areas to offering 911 services in unincorporated areas and municipalities.

LOCATION:

Located in the Loop District of downtown Chicago, one of the most formidable business districts in the world, the area has an astounding number of cultural foundations, stunning parks such as Millennium Park and Maggie Daley Park, steps away from the Chicago Riverwalk, award-winning restaurants and plenty of shopping! In addition, Chicago is serviced by multiple bus and train lines for public transportation from the suburbs to the city, taxis are plentiful, public parking garages for motorist, and bicycle share rentals and local bike lanes for bicyclist.

ROLE SUMMARY

Assists the Chief Administrative Officer with the oversight of departments within the Bureau of Administration. Assists the Chief Administrative Officer in the development of policies, programs and other executive functions. Develops recommendations concerning inefficient procedures to develop more effective work methods and County policy. Supervises, instructs and directs the work activities of staff in the Office of the CAO. Works directly with the department heads to effectively utilize appropriated funds and to coordinate approaches to problem solving.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

Assists the Chief Administrative Officer in the development of policies, programs and other executive functions to ensure that county policies are enforced.

Assists the Chief Administrative Officer which oversees the accuracy and timeliness of budget preparation for all departments as well as coordinates acquisition of materials and payment for services provided to the Bureau.

Approves payroll sheets, requisitions and determines appropriateness of major purchases to meet the operational needs of the departments.

Ensures that departments have the necessary resources to perform their duties and fulfill all expectations.

Assigns confidential/special work projects to County departments in order to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Cook County President, Board of Commissioners.

Assists the Chief Administrative Officer with reviewing the accuracy and completion of assigned work projects.

Reviews confidential reports and managerial studies in order to present recommendations to the President and the Commissioners of the Cook County Board.

Supervises the staff of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. Directs and reviews the activities of the staff, ensures confidentiality is maintained.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of County offices and applicable business administration.

Ability to make policy recommendations.

Ability to develop, coordinate and implement programmatic changes.

Ability to prepare departmental budget and allocations of funds.

Ability to maintain the department operation under budgetary constraints.

Ability to comprehend an agency's internal control structure including the control environment, accounting system and control procedures.

Thorough knowledge of internal control concepts and procedures.

Ability to ascertain compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations.

Ability to identify between errors, irregularities and illegal acts, and take appropriate action.

Good interpersonal relation skills. Must be able to demonstrate tact and diplomacy dealing with employee issues in a wide range of diverse situations.

Possession of excellent writing skills; ability to clearly articulate thoroughly written documents.

Excellent organizational skills.

Ability to demonstrate good administrative and supervisory skills.

Ability to institute problem solving techniques in diverse and sometimes emotional situations.

Ability to manage multiple projects effectively.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree PLUS a minimum of three (3) years' experience in government administration and/or budget analysis **OR**, an equivalent combination of professional work experience, training and education.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's Degree in Business Administration or Juris Doctorate.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Sedentary Work

Sedentary Work involves exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally or a negligible amount of force frequently to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time, but may involve walking or standing for brief periods of time.

The duties listed are not set forth for purposes of limiting the assignment of work. They are not to be construed as a complete list of the many duties normally to be performed under a job title or those to be performed temporarily outside an employee's normal line of work.

EMPLOYMENT TERMS

POST OFFER TESTING: This position requires successful completion of post-offer tests, which may include a background check, drug screen and medical examination.

COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY: Pursuant to Executive Order 2021-1 and Cook County's Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, the selected candidate will be required to either submit proof of full vaccination or a request for reasonable accommodation prior to the start of employment. Please click the following hyperlinks for the full text of [Executive Order 2021-1](#) and the [Cook County's Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#).

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Pursuant to the Shakman Consent Decree, Supplemental Relief Order and the Cook County Personnel Rules, this position is exempt from the County's career service rules, is at-will and political reasons or factors may be considered when taking any employment action. As an employee in a Shakman Exempt Position, if you do not currently live in Cook County, you will have six (6) months from date of hire to establish actual residency within Cook County.