May 23, 2022
NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY
#22-262

Opportunities currently exist 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
- Detective 2 State Investigator, Law and Public Safety

**SALARY:**
- $69,010.07 to $98,948.78
- $79,160.20 to $113,839.99

**LOCATION:**
- Office of Public Integrity & Accountability (OPIA)
- Corruption Bureau Central
- 25 Market Street, Trenton, NJ
- Two (2) Vacancies

**and:**
- Office of Public Integrity & Accountability (OPIA)
- Corruption Bureau South
- 5 Executive Campus, Suite 205, Cherry Hill, NJ
- Two (2) Vacancies

Statewide travel required for work responsibilities.

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** Four (4) as indicated above. Location preference required.

The Office of Public Integrity & Accountability (OPIA) is dedicated to increasing public confidence in government by holding corrupt government officials and public servants accountable, reviewing claims of actual innocence by convicted individuals and fostering excellence in policing. OPIA is looking for outstanding candidates to investigate priority matters for the Corruption Bureau.

**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 of misconduct by elected and appointed government officials and employees as well as non-governmental employees who perform regulatory or enforcement functions at the municipal, county or state level, 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; performs other related duties 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.

**DETECTIVE 2 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.

**Substitutions Applicable to Both Titles:**

**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.

**PREFERENCE:** Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated knowledge and/or experience with public corruption; Title 2C; investigative techniques; management principles and supervisory techniques; law enforcement operations and procedures on local, state and national levels; procedures governing rules of evidence and chain of custody; ability to learn and apply training principles and techniques; compliance with DCJ Standard Operating Procedures and Attorney General Guidelines and Directives; ability to identify and pursue potential investigative areas; excellent oral and written communication skills; ability to make decisions and determine what decisions should be referred to supervisors; and ability to show good judgement when exercising powers of arrest, charging decisions and interactions with DCJ management, staff and partnering agencies.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Current Department employees appointed to a Detective title must be willing to accept a lateral transfer, if selected. All offers of employment are conditional subject to the applicant agreeing to and then passing a background check that may include fingerprinting.

**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.

*If qualified, please send a cover letter indicating interest in job vacancy announcement #22-262 with desired location preference and a current resume to:*

Recruitment Coordinator
LPS.Humanresources@njoag.gov

Recruitment Coordinator
Division of Administration
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0081

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.