

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
CITY OF UNALASKA, AK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
WATER DIVISION

Open Date: February 18, 2022
Close Date: Until Filled

Position: Water Operator I (2 open positions)
Hiring Wage: \$32.83 – \$34.83/hour

The Unalaska Department of Public Utilities is accepting applications for the position of Water Operator I in the Department of Public Utilities. Located in the number one commercial fishing port in the United States, the International Port of Dutch Harbor. Unalaska, Alaska is a coastal community located in the Eastern Aleutian Islands with a multi-cultural population of approximately 4,500 full-time residents with season influxes from multiple commercial fishery operations.

The following duties ARE NOT intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification. Shown are duties intended to provide a representative summary.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This is an entry level position, which under the supervision of the Water Supervisor, performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled tasks in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance, and replacement of City water production, treatment and distribution systems. This position is expected to develop into a full-fledged water operator which will include a substantial amount of training in hands-on, correspondence, virtual, and classroom settings.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES: Following training and competency demonstration will be responsible for inspecting, preventative maintenance, servicing, and adjusting equipment to ensure effective operation of motors, pumps, blowers, chemical systems, and other equipment used in the various water plants. Operates valves and gates and all other process equipment to control flow and treatment processes; starts/ stops pumps and generators as may be required. Monitors gauges, flow meters, SCADA, and control devices; interprets and records readings. Observes variations in operating conditions and test results to determine processing requirements. Maintains records, diagnoses equipment and operations malfunctions, requisitions supply, takes remedial action to correct, and/or report malfunctions. Collects samples and performs standard water treatment tests or analysis as necessary and applies corrective measures to treatment processes. Ability to obtain knowledge concerning City of Unalaska, State of Alaska DEC and Federal EPA policies, ordinances, rules and regulations regarding water system operations. Ability to communicate effectively; both verbally and in writing. Good interpersonal and problem-solving skills preferred.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:

High school diploma or GED required.

Combination of education and experience will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Two years of experience relating to the operation, construction, repair and/or maintenance of water treatment distribution systems, including the operation of related maintenance equipment is preferred.

LICENSES & SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must be at least 18 years of age.

Must have or ability to obtain Driver's License within 90 days of hire.

State of Alaska DEC Water Distribution I and Water Treatment I certifications preferred.

Successfully pass background test which includes criminal background, professional and reference check.

Successfully pass pre-employment drug test.

Must be available to work in the US: requirements by Federal Law if hired must complete employment eligibility verification (I-9).

BENEFITS:

Up to \$5,000 Relocation Assistance (taxable) if applicable.

Travel allowance \$2,000 every year on date of hire after 1st year of employment.

Medical and Dental premiums 100% employer paid (employee & dependents).

Free Annual Membership of LifeMed (employee & dependents).

Free Parks, Culture and Recreation Membership (employee only).

Paid Time Off starting at 16 hours a month.

9 paid Holidays and 3 Floating Holidays per year.

Eligible for 457 Plans with ICMA- RC or Mutual of America and other Voluntary Benefits.

Eligible for PERS Retirement (Public Employees Retirement System).

Up to 100% Tuition Reimbursement (must be taken while employed; refer to Title III for details).

TO APPLY: Submit a City of Unalaska Application. All necessary forms are available at City Hall, Administration Dept. 907-581-1252, or by downloading at www.ci.unalaska.ak.us. Return completed forms to City of Unalaska, Attn: Administration, P.O Box 610, Unalaska, AK 99685, email jrpearson@ci.unalaska.ak.us or send by to fax 907-581-4469.

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