

Position Opening

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility

Engineering Division Director

Salary \$70,683.24 - \$124,824.53 (DOE)

The Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (“AWWU”) is an enterprise activity of the Municipality of Anchorage, providing services through joint management of distinct regulated utilities for water service (Anchorage Water Utility) and wastewater service (Anchorage Sewer Utility). AWWU is renowned nationally and internationally throughout the industry for its excellence in management and its commitment to ensuring reliable service, safeguarding public health, and protecting the environment, long into the future. AWWU is recruiting for the position of Engineering Division Director. Become a part of a world-class utility, providing service to the citizens of Anchorage, Alaska; and, help us realize our vision of “Excellence through Innovation”. We offer a work environment that's dynamic, rewarding, and encourages professional development.

The Engineering Division Director reports to the General Manager of AWWU, and will exhibit superb leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills. As a member of the Utility's executive *Leadership Team*, the selected candidate will excel in a collaborative environment, showing: sensitivity to others; high integrity and intelligence; and sound judgment, with a penchant for data-based decision-making. The position requires strategic thinking, as well as pragmatism. Decisions facing the Director on technical and infrastructure issues will color the municipal landscape for decades. The ability to generate trust is essential in interactions with colleagues, policymakers, and business partners, including developers and contractors, as well as the 40 staff members of the Engineering Division. Demonstration of these skills, from experience in a public agency environment or private sector operations, will be important in the selection process.

We invite you to explore this career opportunity.

Engineering Division Director Core Job Functions

The Engineering Division Director is responsible for all assessment, planning, design, and construction, of all of the Utility's infrastructure assets. The work involves administration of a multi-million dollar long-term capital program to ensure timely, cost-effective completion of improvements, including system expansion, enhancements, repairs, and replacements. Master Plans for system-wide analysis and Facilities Plans for individual facilities, including treatment plants, are used to support infrastructure project proposals. Grant and loan administration is closely linked to capital improvements, and is performed within the Division.

The Division also maintains an active program of asset management, featuring condition assessment, business case analysis, pipe replacement economic models and coordination using geographic information systems (GIS). Hydrodynamic modelling is linked to GIS system maps for analysis of planned developments and response to events including service disruptions. System expansion is achieved through contributed plant constructed by private developers and managed by the Division, or by acquisition of privately held utilities, or through establishment of special assessment districts for properties that seek service improvements. The Division also maintains archives of horizontal and vertical plant records, and manages property records, including assessments levied on properties for previous improvements.

Qualifications:

Graduation from an accredited college or university, with a degree in a Civil, Mechanical or Environmental Engineering field, and at least ten years of experience in the field, or an equivalent combination of experience and education that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Previous experience in the water and wastewater utility environment is essential. The successful candidate must be registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Alaska, or in a state with a reciprocity agreement with Alaska, prior to taking office, and have the ability to obtain Alaska registration within 3-months of hire.

Must have a valid Alaska driver's license at the time of hire.

Substitution:

Appropriate experience may be substituted for the degree on a year for year basis, which provides the expertise to effectively perform the duties of the position.

The Municipality of Anchorage offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes a choice of health insurance plans, life insurance, vision, audio, dental, and Long Term and Short Term Disability plans. There is a voluntary 401k and 457 Deferred Compensation plan. Annual leave is accrued at various rates depending on the length of service with the Municipality of Anchorage. The Municipality is a member of the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS). This position is appointed by the Mayor and serves at the pleasure of the Mayor. For more information about the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, please visit our website at www.awwu.biz. The Municipality of Anchorage is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

To apply, e-mail your letter of interest, detailed résumé, and at least three references to the AWWU Administrative Services Director at: Alyssa.Farrar@awwu.biz