MICHIGAN SENATE
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
POSITION POSTING

DEPUTY CHIEF FOR COMMUNICATIONS

SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader and Majority Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief for Communications develops the caucus communications strategy, manages the Communications Directors, including, but not limited to, managing the daily office operations amongst the Communications staff, collaborating with the Press Secretary, and Communications staff to develop overall caucus messaging and individual member messaging; and developing and implementing internal policies and procedures for all aspects of the Senate Majority Staff as it relates to communications.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Develops and executes a plan to expand the Senate Majority Leader's communication across all mediums
- Develops and implements a narrative on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader to communicate the caucus priorities and wins
- Develops and implements internal policies and procedures for all aspects of the communications office
- Oversees the Communications Director in preparing and implementing communication plans for individual member offices
- Creates and maintains a tracking system to monitor communication output and media coverage for all member offices
- Manages the day-to-day office operations of the Communications staff
- Works with the Press Secretary and Communications Director to develop overall caucus messaging and talking points, and individual member messaging

SECONDARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Performs all other duties as assigned by the Majority Chief of Staff

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree preferred
- Six years of legislative experience and/or experience in the field of communications preferred
- Other combinations of education and experience evaluated on an individual basis
- The ideal candidate will have served as a communications director before in a federal, state, municipal office, nonprofit, or equivalent organization

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED:

- Ability to develop and maintain good working relationships with colleagues, legislators, staff, media, stakeholders, and with lobbyists and other interest groups
- Knowledge of the legislative process and of the structure and policies of state government
- Excellent writing skills; knowledge of AP Style and other grammar/writing guides

- Excellent organizational, analytical, and communication skills, and ability to follow complex oral or written instructions
- Ability to maintain strict attention to detail
- Ability to use basic computer applications, including Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel
- Ability to develop and maintain a positive working relationship with assigned members and member office staff, with a primary focus on providing quality customer service
- Ability to learn procedures or processes involving multiple areas with diverse needs, to balance a range of duties for a variety of individuals, and to present solutions to management regarding conflicts in meeting assignment priorities
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of information
- Ability to work outside of normal work schedule, as necessary
- Ability to prioritize multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment and meet deadlines that may be rigid or subject to change on short notice
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This job description is not intended as a comprehensive list of all of the duties required of this position. Additional duties may be assigned from time to time, and the listed duties are subject to change at any time, with or without notice.

STATUS: Salaried, with a standard benefit package
SALARY: $140,000 - $150,000, based on experience
GOVERNING CAUCUS: Democratic

This is a non-civil service, at-will position.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.
Interested applicants, please submit a cover letter and resume with the subject line "Deputy Chief for Communications" to:

Human Resources
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909
Email: Resume@senate.michigan.gov

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