

COMPETENCY MODEL FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT ANALYST (9182)

The following competencies have been identified as those that best separate superior from satisfactory job performance in the class of **CHIEF MANAGEMENT ANALYST**. (Numbers refers to the order of the competencies in the Competency Bank.)

- 1. Reading Comprehension
- 20. Job Knowledge
- 30. Fiscal Management
- 35. Teamwork
- 47. Written Communication
- 49. Project Management
- 52. Workforce Management
- 53. Leadership
- 59. Strategic Planning

On the following pages are descriptions of each competency, including a definition, the level of the competency required for the class (*italicized*, **bolded**, and underlined), examples of behavioral indicators, and satisfactory and superior performance levels.

1. READING COMPREHENSION – Comprehends and correctly applies information presented in written form. Makes correct inferences; draws accurate conclusions.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Concrete, specific job-related information (work orders; instructions; material/equipment labels)
- Level 2: General information related to field of work and assignments; (articles in trade publications; technical/instructional manuals; memos; letters; e-mails; reports)
- Level 3: **Abstract/complex information (highly technical articles/ reports in specialized area; legal or other regulatory material)**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Follows written instructions correctly.
- Learns information presented in writing.
- Identifies relevant written information.
- Interprets written legal regulatory material accurately.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Reads instructions correctly. Learns from manual and other printed material.

Superior

Learns from manual and may answer others' questions. Explains information presented in written form to others.

20. JOB KNOWLEDGE – Knows information required to perform a specific job. Includes both widely available courses of study (for example, chemistry, human resources management, graphic arts) and City-specific information (parking regulation and ticketing practices; purchasing procedures; provisions of the City Charter).

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Knowledge is concrete, factual, and/or procedural and may be defined by the organization. Situations in which it is applied are quite consistent.
- Level 2: **Knowledge is substantive and may be defined by an external trade, field, or profession. Situations in which it is applied vary and, as such, require breadth and depth of understanding.**
- Level 3: Knowledge is abstract, conceptual, and/or complex and may be supported by a well-defined academic discipline or authoritative sources (e.g., laws, ordinances, government guidelines/regulations/codes). Situations in which it is applied may vary greatly or be novel.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Performs work correctly/avoids technical (job content related) errors.
- Answers technical questions about work accurately.
- Asks few technical questions about the performance of routine work activities.
- Offers advice (“coaching”) to new employees regarding their work.
- Develops training programs for other employees.
- Sought out as a source of information by others.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Sufficient job knowledge to perform work correctly independently. Answers technical questions about work correctly.

Superior

Expertise in technical job information sufficient to serve as a resource to others. May develop training manuals/programs and/or give internal and/or external presentations related to work.

Job Knowledge Areas

1. Knowledge of principles, practices, methods, and techniques related to public administration, such as performance metrics, administrative and legislative analyses, and management and organization practices, sufficient to oversee a Department or large divisions or sections efficiently and effectively.
2. Knowledge of City policies, processes, and procedures pertaining to budget, financial, personnel, grants, contract, accounting, and purchasing administration, sufficient to direct the work of subordinate supervisors and their staff.
3. Knowledge of City governing and administrative documents, such as the Los Angeles City Charter, Los Angeles Administrative Code, and City Ordinances, sufficient to interpret information and advise staff on these documents.

30. FISCAL MANAGEMENT – Develops and justifies budget proposals in a way that garners support; monitors expenditures for compliance; systematically adjusts expenditures when warranted.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Identify equipment and services with demonstrable cost-effectiveness for improving operations and prepare detailed budget requests that provide ample justification for purchase. Ensure money is spent for intended purpose.
- Level 2: Identify staffing needs, needs for equipment and services, and other expenditures that are necessary to fulfill the mission of a function or segment of the organization. Provide ample, compelling justification. Ensures that money is spent for intended or highly related purpose.
- Level 3: **Consider the mission of the entire organization and current priorities in determining which budget proposals to submit. Provide compelling arguments for the proposals submitted that include reference to proposals omitted. Use money for intended purpose unless priorities or other circumstances change.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Identifies expenditures that will be cost-effective in their contribution to accomplishing work.
- Conducts research to determine the best available option for purchase.
- Tailors justification for budget request to the specific need and current circumstances.
- Uses money for its intended purpose.
- Makes adjustments to expenditures in accordance with price increases, changing priorities, and City policy.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Recognizes the critical role of the budget process in City functioning. Knows the budget cycle and makes timely submissions for all desired expenditures.

Superior

Provides convincing justifications that reflect essential organizational functions, demonstration of cost-effectiveness, and consideration of current political/economic/social climate.

35. TEAMWORK – Interacts effectively with others to achieve mutual objectives; readily offers assistance to others to facilitate their goal accomplishment.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Work effectively as a member of a work unit or project team. Readily offer assistance to others when they have too much work or have too little.
- Level 2: Work effectively as a team member in which different people have different roles/responsibilities and perspectives. Identify points for collaboration with co-workers; readily offer and request assistance.
- Level 3: **Work effectively as a part of an interdependent team (your work gets done only if the work of the whole team is done; evaluation of team performance is more relevant than individual performance).**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Discusses work-related matters with co-workers.
- Offers and requests assistance readily.
- Offers and is receptive to suggestions.
- Identifies problems with workflow that will prevent team from accomplishing its goals.
- Provides constructive criticism and feedback to team members to improve overall functioning of team.
- Assigns credit to team for accomplishments.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Cooperates with co-workers and fulfills responsibilities as a member of a project team. Maintains a focus on common objectives and offers and requests assistance readily.

Superior

Sees the team as a whole; acknowledges that performance of the team is what in reality is evaluated by others. If anyone fails, everyone on the team fails.

47. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Communicates effectively in writing.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Write notes/e-mails. Completes forms with some open-ended responses (sentences).
- Level 2: Write letters, articles/reports, and/or detailed descriptions of activities/occurrences.
- Level 3: **Write lengthy reports, instruction manuals, in-depth analyses/reviews of complex issues and/or articles for publication. Reviews the written work of others.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Writing includes the necessary information to convey the intended message.
- Sufficiently few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar to not interfere with the intended message or distract the reader.
- Little editing or re-writing needed to produce a final product.
- Composes materials efficiently.
- Information is presented in a well organized manner.
- Tone and degree of formality are appropriate to the purpose and audience.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Writes material that clearly communicates the necessary information; needs little editing.

Superior

Precisely uses words and organizes information in a way that enhances presentation of the message. Virtually no editing needed.

49. PROJECT MANAGEMENT – Anticipates and plans for all aspects of a multi-faceted, discrete endeavor to ensure resources are available and actions are taken at proper times for successful completion.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Plan, coordinate, and oversee accomplishment of multi-step projects involving other employees.
- Level 2: **Design, plan, coordinate, and manage large, multi-faceted projects involving employees from various segments of the organization representing different perspectives.**
- Level 3: Design, plan, secure approval and resources, and manages large-scale, complex projects involving many employees representing a large number of diverse segments of the organization and perspectives, which may at times be in conflict.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Establishes project plans that gain management acceptance.
- Establishes realistic timeline and estimates of resources needed.
- Assembles appropriate team with complementary skills to efficiently execute all portions of a project.
- Secures necessary resources for successful project completion.
- Clearly designates roles/responsibilities/accountability.
- Addresses failure to perform or other problems in a timely and effective manner to minimize negative impact.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Establishes acceptable project plan; assembles team with required skills; establishes personal responsibility/accountability. Ensures the necessary time and resources are available.

Superior

Designs efficient project plan to maximize benefits and minimize use of resources. Designates precise mix of people to best accomplish the project. Completes on time, with resources allocated.

52. WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT – Structures workgroups and their interrelationships in a way that facilitates accomplishment of organizational goals; attracts talent and places individuals in positions to maximize productivity and staff development. Ensures proper training is provided.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Ensure various workgroups are staffed sufficient to accomplish their respective missions and with complementary skills where appropriate.
- Level 2: Examine the structure of each workgroup to ensure optimal staffing, the interrelationships of workgroups to maximize coordination and efficiency, and the placement of individuals to optimally use or develop their capabilities; make adjustments as warranted.
- Level 3: **Ensure that structure, staffing, interrelationships, and placement of individuals for productivity/development are optimal. Identify needed competencies and ensure well-qualified candidates are recruited. Identify problems with the operation and/or staff performance and determine a solution.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Considers the workforce and its operation as a whole.
- Recognizes the need to balance optimal placement of staff for the organization with individual developmental needs.
- Recognizes the tradeoffs of bringing in new staff versus developing existing staff.
- Re-assigns staff as warranted.
- Re-structures the organization as warranted.
- Addresses problem performers.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Ensures efficient operation of the organization and makes necessary adjustments. Balances productivity and staff development.

Superior

Redesigns organization as necessary to achieve maximum productivity and staff development. Balances bringing in new staff with developing current employees.

53. LEADERSHIP – Influences others toward goal accomplishment.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Assume responsibility for operations or a situation when necessary. Direct the actions of others or otherwise ensure required actions are taken. Remain responsible until relieved or situation is resolved.
- Level 2: Motivate others to continual activity focused on goal accomplishment. Provide clear objectives and articulate individual activities necessary to achieve them; ensure resources necessary to do so are available. Monitor work progress and provide feedback; assess results.
- Level 3: **Articulate a vision, convey it to others, and assign responsibilities (or assure they are assigned) for achieving it. Monitor progress, make adjustments as necessary, and evaluate results.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Evaluates circumstances, determining what needs to be done, and ensuring individual responsibility for performing specific actions is assigned.
- Follows-up to ensure that specific actions have been taken and overall objective has been accomplished.
- Clearly communicates objectives and responsibility/individual actions necessary to achieve them.
- Monitors work in progress, provides feedback to those involved, and makes adjustments to work plans/processes to ensure goal attainment.
- Evaluates completed work for quality, thoroughness, and effectiveness to determine whether re-work or additional work is required to meet intended objectives and to provide learning for future assignments

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Assumes responsibility for work of others when required or necessary. Ensures actions taken to achieve objectives, and evaluates results to determine any follow-up needed.

Superior

Articulates vision/states clear objectives and assigns responsibility/motivates others toward achievement. Monitors progress; gives feedback; evaluates results; ensures follow-up.

59. STRATEGIC PLANNING – Establishes plans in a way that will achieve vision for the future.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Recognizes that no work organization is static, so identifies how an improved organization would function and develops plans to create such an organization.
- Level 2: **Considers factors in the external environment, best practices, and internal organizational factors to develop a vision for the future; identifies feasible changes/innovations in support of the vision.**
- Level 3: Considers social, economic, legal, and political trends and the “big picture” of the organization to establish a vision for its effective operation in the world of the future.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Establishes and keeps up-to-date a “strategic plan.”
- Articulates how current trends and anticipated future events are expected to impact the organization.
- Identifies actions the organization can take to accommodate or leverage trends and future events.
- Recognizes that evolution/change will occur, and without an attempt to manage it, that it is unlikely to be in the best interest of the organization.
- Accepts that even when many factors are unknown or their certainty is questionable, that which is known with any degree of certainty can be effectively used to formulate plans.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Considers the future when establishing current day-to-day operational practices. Envisions an improved organization and identifies specific actions to help create it.

Superior

Understands that the larger environment in which the organization exists is influenced by and influences the organization. Notwithstanding uncertainties, formulates a vision and plans to achieve it.