Department of Rehabilitation Services

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## Job Announcement # 15-029

## Position Title/Code/Level: Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist, Level III, K23C

(May be filled at a Level II, K23B, or Level I, K23A)

##### Location: VS #58 – Ada

**Number of Positions/PIN:** **(****1) – Classified** **/** **80500052**

#### Monthly Salary Range: Minimum Midpoint Maximum

#### Level III (Pay Band L) $3,172.41 $4,281.70 $5,352.13

**Level II (Pay Band K)** **$2,654.00**  **$3,892.52** **$4,865.64**

**Level I (Pay Band J) $2,428.03 $3,561.11 $4,451.39**

###### Beginning Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014

**Ending Date:** **Monday, October 13, 2014 at 11:59 pm**

**Essential Functions:** Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist – Orientation & Mobility (O&M) specific. Positions in this job family are assigned responsibilities specifically related to providing counseling and individualized instruction to persons who are blind or visually impaired in facilitating solutions to the challenges of being able to safely travel about in their everyday environment and in dealing with problems created by their blindness, promoting confidence and the self-esteem of the individual customer. A key duty will be raising the awareness of clients to the opportunities and options which mastery of O&M skills can develop. The Orientation and Mobility instructor provides assessment and instruction with their customers in navigating their home, community, school, and work type environments, and shall cover topics such as proper cane travel techniques, and instruction to facilitate self-problem solving, sighted guide, and guide dog use, and strategies to address potentially dangerous situations. The person in this position will also consult with other rehabilitation professionals throughout the vocational rehabilitation process to insure high quality career and independent living outcomes for their customers. Communications between the O&M instructor and the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor must be ongoing. The O&M instructor must have a good working knowledge of specialized residential training centers in order to provide accurate information so their customers are able to make informed choices and decisions should concentrated, in-depth training in mastering blindness skills be called for. The O&M instructor must also be willing to do community outreach, educating outside entities about blindness, and the wide variety of possibilities for the success of people who are blind. Applicant must be willing to perform all job related travel. **Probationary period (or trial period if applicable) is required**.

**Background Check:** Background Check:  The Department of Rehabilitation Services will conduct a criminal background check on new hires as part of an offer of employment that is made contingent upon a successful criminal background check.

**Education and Experience Requirements:** **Level I -** requirements at this level consist of a Bachelor’s degree in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching or a bachelor’s degree and one year of experience in a disability related field. **Level II -** requirements at this level consist of those indicated in Level I plus two years of experience in rehabilitation teaching or orientation and mobility. All applicants at this level must be eligible to sit for certification for either Vision Rehabilitation Therapist or Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certificate, (NOMC) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board**. Level III -** requirements at this level consist of those indicated in Level II. All applicants at this level must be certified in either Vision Rehabilitation Therapist or Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certificate, (NOMC) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board.

**Method of Application:** ALL SOURCES – Applicants, without previous classified state service, those that are in the unclassified status OR currently in probationary status, must apply through the Office of Personnel Management OKCAREERS on-line applicant system ([www.ok.gov/opm/](http://www.ok.gov/opm/)). Current State of Oklahoma employees with permanent status in the classified service, or those having reinstatement rights;Submit **one (1) complete set** of all of the following application materials: A cover letter that contains the **Job Announcement Number, Job Title and Job Code** of the position for which you are applying, a telephone number where you can be reached during office hours, your home mailing address, your e-mail address, your current classification and job code **and** a completed Office of Personnel Management Personal Data Summary Sheet (OPM-4B). DRS’ requires applicants to provide copies of performance evaluations at the interview process.

**Send OPM 4B and Cover letter to:**

**Department of Rehabilitation Services**

**Attn: Human Resources Unit**

**3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 500**

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112**

**Fax: (405) 951-3543**

If you have any questions regarding this position or the application process, contact Calvin Small at (405) 951-3527.

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