Chief Auditor

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), located in downtown Chicago, is currently accepting applications to fill a **Chief Auditor** position. As the oversight agency for the three transit Service Boards that provide two million daily rides throughout the six-county region, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) believes successful communications are essential to build and sustain support for public transportation.

This position has a dual reporting relationship to both the: (1) General Counsel for assistance in establishing direction, support and an administrative interface; and (2) RTA Audit Committee for strategic direction and accountability. Responsible for providing the RTA Board of Directors and the General Counsel with an independent, objective assurance activity designed to add value and improve the operations of the four mass transit agencies in Northeastern Illinois, and ensure compliance with the audit requirements of the RTA Act (70 ILCS 3615/2.01(b)). Assist the four agencies in achieving their objectives by utilizing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes. Apart from ongoing audit services, act as an advisor for management. Involved in consulting on a variety of operational issues and responsible for proactively identifying opportunities to support the RTA’s priority initiatives.

Responsible for planning, directing, coordinating and controlling the daily operations of the RTA Audit Division to assure that all functions are performed in an effective and efficient manner.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Develop, direct, coordinate and monitor the overall operation of the Audit Division in accordance with goals and objectives of the RTA. Provide strategic direction and leadership on critical issues.
- Develop and formalize an internal control and risk management framework that encompasses, in a broad sense, the control environment and that incorporates a code of ethics which promotes appropriate values within the RTA.
- Assist the RTA in maintaining effective controls by evaluating their effectiveness and efficiency and by promoting continuous improvement. Assist management with process improvement. Provide services in a consultative role as requested by management. Act as a positive influence on the control environment throughout the many and varied operations of the RTA and Service Boards in support of their missions. Review management, financial and operating controls to appraise their soundness and adequacy. Advise management as to whether the systems effected by the RTA provide assurance regarding the achievement of objectives.
- Manage relationships with outside consultants to ensure that contracted services are completed per the agreed upon scope and within budget.
- Develop and implement a financial, compliance, management and operational audit program to evaluate specific programs and systems, as well as overall organizational performance of the RTA and Service Boards, as required by the RTA Act (70 ILCS 3615/2.01(b)) including: a) identify appropriate audits to perform; b) direct and conduct audits; c) coordinate oversight and audit activities with the RTA and Service Boards to ensure their understanding of and cooperation with these activities; d) prepare and present reports and analyses of audits; e) provide follow-up reports and/or develop action plans to ensure implementation of recommendations.
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- Work with the Service Board (CTA, Metra and Pace) counterparts to increase interagency efficiencies.
- Assess and monitor the RTA in its discharge of its oversight, management and operating responsibilities in relation to governance processes, the systems of internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations and RTA policies, including those related to ethical conduct.

Knowledge, skills and abilities equivalent to a Bachelor’s Degree in Auditing, Accounting, Finance, Public Administration, or a related field or equivalent experience. Professional certification as a public accountant (CPA) and/or internal auditor (CIA) and/or an advanced degree preferred. A minimum of ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience focused on financial analysis, accounting, operational analysis, oversight and/or auditing, including negotiations and consensus building in a project team environment. Also must have demonstrated supervisory/management and project management experience. Strong technical, analytical, interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written) are essential. Ability to maintain confidential information required.

The RTA offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. The RTA reimburses for travel at the federal rate for mileage reimbursement. Relocation is not available. For more information about the RTA, visit our website at www.rtachicago.com.

Salary Range: $100,000 - $115,000

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