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Title: Anchorage Communities Reporter

Reports to: Managing Editor, Digital

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Alaska Public Media is looking for a journalist eager to engage with and report on the communities and cultures within the state’s largest city. This is a chance for an ambitious journalist to report from a dynamic northern city at a high stakes time for many critical issues including homelessness, the economy and climate change. You’ll work closely with a team of city reporters who focus on local government, education and the economy.

The Anchorage communities reporter is responsible for generating enterprise stories on life in Anchorage and surrounding areas for Alaska Public Media, the source of NPR radio, PBS television for Southcentral Alaska and stewards of the statewide news service in collaboration with 25 public media partners. Anchorage is one of the most diverse cities in the nation and the Anchorage communities reporter will be responsible for reflecting that diversity in stories that build trust and deepen and diversify the sources in our reporting. The reporter will uphold the highest journalistic standards and ethics and work professionally with Alaska Public Media colleagues and the public.

Essential Functions:

The Anchorage Reporter will:

- Continually generate quality story ideas that go beyond basic news and delve deep into high stakes and engaging issues that will help determine the future of our region and state.
- Produce in-depth and quick turn stories on the issues that resonate for audiences in and beyond Alaska.
- Report and produce news and feature stories for Alaska Public Media in a platform neutral environment.

- Radio and digital stories will be the primary focus for the reporter, but the job may also include taking photos and video and producing multimedia packages.
- Take part in various news, public affairs and election programs for radio, TV and digital.
- Periodically guest host news or public affairs programs including Alaska Morning News and Alaska News Nightly.
- Collaborate with other AKPM staff on various news and public affairs projects.

Duties and Responsibilities:

In addition to the above functions, the Anchorage Reporter will:

- Stay current with city government issues, including occasional reporting on the Mayor's office and Assembly meetings and actions.
- Perform in a deadline-driven news environment.
- Multitask and work across multiple media platforms.
- Work collegially in a team-based atmosphere.
- Adhere to professional journalistic styles and practices, including, but not limited to Alaska Public Media styles and rules.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

Experience working in a news, communication, publication, broadcast or Web environment.

Ability to work collegially with multiple stakeholders and audiences.

1 – 3 years' experience working in a newsroom or reporting experience for a media company.

Desired Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree or commensurate experience.

Skill in on-air performance and audio production.

Understanding reporting (writing, photography, video) for Web.

Competency in broadcasting operations and editing (audio, video, photo) software.

Familiarity with public radio news programming.

Allowable Substitution

If necessary, alternative combinations of education and experience will be evaluated by the Human Resources Office for comparability.

Competencies:

- Act in accordance with AKPM policies.
- Support AKPM compliance efforts with FCC, CPB, NPR and PBS rules and regulations
- Communicate effectively.
- Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Maintain positive relationships with both internal and external customers.
- Demonstrate consistent outstanding customer service.
- Proficient at computer use to include office software products, custom software packages, internet and e-mail.
- Consistently demonstrate ethical behavior.
- Must exercise good judgment for the prompt completion of responsibilities.

Employee Expectations:

Must be able to work in a constantly changing environment with demonstrated ability to juggle and prioritize multiple, competing tasks and demands while seeking supervisory assistance as appropriate.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

The employee is regularly required to stand, walk and sit; reach with hands and arms; talk and hear. The employee is occasionally required to stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee must be able to lift and/or move up to 40 pounds.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are typical of a television/radio broadcast office environment and representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. Alaska Public Media is an equal opportunity employer.