

Job Listing:

Inspector General, California High-Speed Rail Authority

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee is searching for qualified candidates to be the independent Inspector General for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. All qualified candidates are invited to apply. Additionally, as provided in the Public Utilities Code, Section 187020(a), anyone can nominate an individual to be the Inspector General. This hiring process, which will be carried out by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee every four years, results in the committee providing the names of three qualified candidates to the Governor. The Governor then appoints one of the three candidates to be the Inspector General for the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

The Inspector General is tasked with promoting the efficient and effective management of public funds and contracts at the California High-Speed Rail Authority by performing audits and investigations. The Office of the Inspector General is responsible for providing oversight related to the delivery of the high-speed rail project, as defined in Public Utilities Code, Section 187010(d). It also provides oversight related to contracts, change orders, and project update reports, which are required of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, pursuant to the Public Utilities Code, Section 185033.5. The Inspector General conducts this work independent of the legislative and executive branches of government. Nonetheless, the Inspector General must report at least annually to the Legislature and Governor. As a new statutorily established office, the Inspector General will additionally be responsible for selecting and employing officers and employees necessary to carry out the functions of the office.

Job Description and Duties

Qualified candidates must have a combination of education and experience in oversight and management necessary to perform the duties of the office.

Examples of Duties

- Lead and inspire the employees of the Office of the Inspector General in fulfilling its mission.
- Conduct independent reviews of fiscal estimates and plans for project advancement.
- Present results of audits to legislators and legislative staff, in and outside of hearings.
- Monitor progress toward meeting milestones of the Merced to Bakersfield segment.
- Conduct audits and investigations relating to delivery of the project.
- Identify best practices in the delivery of capital projects and recommend policies to enable the California High-Speed Rail Authority to adopt these practices.
- Recommend policies promoting efficiency in the administration of programs and operations.
- Review and evaluate the practices for considering and making change orders to contracts.
- Review the contracts and contracting practices to determine whether they are executed consistent with state laws and best practices, providing services and goods at reasonable costs.

- Review proposed agreements to ensure that they are in the best interest of the State, the High-Speed Rail Authority's statutory mission, and state priorities.
- Receive and evaluate anonymous allegations on a wide variety of topics.

Desirable Qualifications

In addition to evaluating each candidate's relative ability, as demonstrated by quality and breadth of education and experience, the following qualifications may be considered for each candidate:

Knowledge/Skills

- Knowledge of government auditing standards.
- Ability to work effectively with legislators, legislative staff, public officials, and agency staff.
- Experience leading and performing performance, financial, or compliance audits.
- Experience reviewing contracts and creating best practices for delivering capital projects.
- Ability to provide audit results, both verbally and in writing, in a fair and balanced manner.

Personal Characteristics

- Proven leadership skills.
- High degree of integrity.
- Objective, impartial, and sound judgment.
- Strong communication skills.
- High degree of confidentiality for sensitive issues.
- Ability to think strategically.

Compensation

The annual salary of the Inspector General for the California High-Speed Rail Authority will be equal to that of the Inspector General of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, pursuant to Public Utilities Code, Section 187022(c). The current monthly pay range for this position is \$14,729 - \$16,432. The Inspector General will also receive a comprehensive benefits package.

How to Apply

Please submit your resume and a Statement of Qualifications explaining how your background, knowledge, experience, and skills qualify you to be the Inspector General to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee via email (wesley.opp@asm.ca.gov) or mail (1020 N Street, Room 107, Sacramento, CA 95814). Please submit these documents by January 31, 2023 to ensure that you will be considered for the position.