



Classification: Information Technology Specialist I

Working Title: ITSD Release Management Lead

Posted: December 19, 2018

Permanent, Full-Time

Salary:

Range A: \$5,118.00 - \$6,859.00

Range B: \$5,628.00 - \$7,543.00

Range C: \$6,179.00 - \$8,280.00

### **Not Your Average State Agency**

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is the principal state agency responsible for administering \$2 billion dollars in financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California. Our Mission is to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.

We are located in Rancho Cordova, in a great office complex near Zinfandel and Hwy. 50. There is plenty of parking and it is free!

### **Not Your Average IT Shop**

The Release Management Lead is a member of the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) Management Team comprised of highly motivated, collaborative professionals. We are searching for a self-starter, creative thinker, and leader with a positive attitude to join our team. Our focus is on providing excellent customer service. We strive to hire the best and brightest staff. We coach, mentor and guide them to become the best they can be.

Can you work under pressure and come up with innovative solutions to new problems? Are you willing to work in a small team and push everyone to be the best that they can be? Do you love learning new things and expanding your knowledge? If so, the ITSD Management Team might be the right fit for you.

### **About the System you'll support**

The Grant Delivery System is comprised of 17 "applications", the oldest of which was developed 30 years ago. The IT Release Management Lead, with the help of other ITSD units, maintain and enhance these applications. The CSAC is currently taking part in the State's new IT project approval process (PAL). Upon completion, the CSAC will begin the Grant Delivery System Modernization Project which will provide a NEW fully integrated system. The IT Release Management Lead will be a big part of the project team!

### **Highlights of the Job**

- Work closely with Executive Management, Business and IT entities to advise and support IT Release Management activities
- Facilitate and chair all Release Management related meetings
- Responsible for analysis and analytics associated with the IT Release Management Program
- Interact with diverse technical and non-technical groups, spanning all organizational levels both internal and external to CSAC
- Develop, implement and manage IT Release Management processes, procedures and policy
- Support management of contractors, evaluating and monitoring performance and deliverables
- Manage multiple projects with competing priorities simultaneously.
- Identify metrics and drive initiatives to improve the quality of ITSD services and the CSAC IT Release Management Program

- Be a contributing member of the project team on the Grant Delivery Modernization Project, which replaces the existing legacy system.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

<http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/Pages/1400.aspx>

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Expert in ITSM and Release Management
- Expert in project management
- PMP Certified
- ITIL Certified
- Experience using Agile methodology
- Agile Certified
- Expert in process/procedure/policy
- Comprehensive understanding of Release Management and Planning
- Experience in software development projects involving web services and web applications
- Knowledge and experience with Oracle PL/SQL, ASP.Net, XML, and XSL
- Ability to quickly grasp complex technologies and concepts
- Understanding of technical architectures
- Strong understanding of technical development environments
- Strong understanding of software development methodologies
- “Hands-on” and detail oriented
- Experience writing and communicating technical information
- Strong writing, communication, analytical and organizational skills
- Strong time management skills
- A willingness to learn new things and embrace change
- An ability to perform well under pressure on time-sensitive and high priority projects

### **Who Should Apply**

Applicants must have current list eligibility for appointment to this class, currently a State employee who has transfer eligibility (transfers must meet the minimum qualifications for the advertised class, per CCR Rule 250), or currently in an Information Technology Specialist I position. Other methods of appointments will be considered, including Training & Development (T&D) Assignments. Applications will be screened and only those that best meet the requirements of the job will be considered. Appointment is subject to SROA/Surplus provisions. SROA and Surplus candidates are encouraged to apply. Surplus candidates must submit a copy of their surplus status letter.

All applicants, regardless of the type of eligibility, must meet the Minimum Qualifications of the classification. To view the Minimum Qualifications, please go to <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/Pages/job-descriptions.aspx> and enter the classification code or classification title you wish to review. In addition, please attach all required supporting documents (i.e. transcripts/diploma, license, and/or required certificate) to your application.

Eligibility is determined by the completed information on your Std. 678 and/or résumés; please ensure applications and/or résumés contain completed information or your application may not be accepted.

## Statement of Qualifications

Candidates are required to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). The SOQ is a narrative discussion of how the candidates' education, training, experience, and skills qualify them for the position. The SOQ should be typed and no more than two pages in length. Applications received without an SOQ will be rejected. Please clearly state which document is the SOQ. A résumé and/or résumé format is not considered an SOQ.

Please respond to the following Statement of Qualification questions:

1. Describe your experience and education which qualifies you for the CSAC IT Release Management Lead position.
2. Describe processes you have implemented to facilitate, manage and lead an IT Release Management program.
3. Describe your leadership approach.
4. Describe your negotiation skills and provide an example where you had to utilize these skills.

## How to Apply/Final Filing Date

Please reference **RPA #18-038, JC-138646, Position #270-701-1402-XXX, Information Technology Specialist I/Release Management**, in the 'Job Title' section on the application, Std. 678. Please clearly state basis for eligibility on your application (i.e., SROA, Surplus, Re-employment, reinstatement, transfer, list eligibility, or Training & Development Assignment). College transcripts may need to be submitted with your application, to verify the educational requirements of the class, if applicable. Please refer to the "minimum qualifications" to determine whether transcripts may be needed. Applications **will not** be accepted by fax or email.

Electronic submission of applications, résumés, and SOQs (all required) and submission through your CalCareer account at [www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov), is preferred and will be accepted **Until Filled**. If you need assistance with the electronic application process, please contact the Personnel Office by email at [Personnel@csac.ca.gov](mailto:Personnel@csac.ca.gov).

You may also submit your application and résumé by mail or in person to:

CA Student Aid Commission  
P.O. Box 3210  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-3210  
Attn: HR-Recruitment

CA Student Aid Commission  
11040 White Rock Rd.  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
Attn: HR-Recruitment

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IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE. THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.



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## DUTY STATEMENT

### I. Position Identification:

Employee Name:	Vacant
Classification:	Information Technology Specialist I
Working Title:	IT Release Management Program Lead
Position Number:	270-701-1402-XXX
Location:	11040 White Rock Road Rancho Cordova, CA
License/Other Requirement:	N/A
Date Prepared:	December 11, 2018
Effective Date:	TBD

#### Function: *(Summary of Responsibilities)*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Technology Management | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Technology Project Management |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Client Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Software Engineering                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Security Engineering          | <input type="checkbox"/> System Engineering                                   |

The Release Management Lead role focuses on coordinating the requirements, testing, and release schedules of all products so that they are available to work with any specific product that comprise that release. The release manager will participate on change control boards (CCB) of the waterfall type projects and in sprint planning or scrum of scrums on agile type projects to be aware of what changes are occurring across the release (and projects therein). The Lead will also communicate any challenges or impacts and work closely with Risk Management. In general, the Lead focuses on the details of the broad release and will participate in or lead any release related meetings.

#### Reporting Relationships:

Reports directly to the Information Technology Supervisor II over the IT Service Management Section.

### II. Program Identification:

The California Student Aid Commission is responsible for administering financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California. The Commission's central mission is to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.

The mission of the CSAC IT Operations Branch, IT Service Management Section with regards to the CSAC IT Release Management Program is to coordinate product timelines ensuring they are planned and managed so that future dependencies can come together in a timely manner while minimizing the negative impact on customers when changes are implemented.

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### III. Essential and Non-Essential Job Functions:

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**\*Essential Functions:**

***Candidates must be able to perform the following functions with or without reasonable accommodations.***

- *Exists to perform the function*
- *Limited numbers of employees available to perform function*
- *Highly specialized function*
- *Removal of function would fundamentally alter the job*
- *Must be able to perform with or without reasonable accommodation*

45% Responsible for leading and management of the CSAC IT Release Management Program which includes but is not limited to management of the enterprise release schedule and calendar, all release related meetings/presentations. Responsible for ensuring release information is communicated well and managed in a rational, standard and predictable manner.

Responsible for leading the establishment and management of the CSAC IT Release Management program, providing guidance and recommendations regarding system/application compliance to established guidelines, standards, policies and procedures.

Responsible for identifying all items that need to be coordinated, managed, scheduled, and planned across a release.

Ensure requirements are clear across dependent project streams with a release.

Ensure requirements that impact other projects (internal and external) are submitted to the other products' requirements lists or backlogs.

Track changes to requirements and communicate impacts to dependent product releases.

Ensure the tasks associated with parallel and external deliverables are included in the project plan (build time, run time, merging, etc.).

Ensure technical guides and training are developed for the functionality in the release.

Manage deployment of the deliverables to the test environment.

Manage the deployment of deliverables into production.

Validate the release notes.

Validate the release is operating as expected.

Responsible for working closely and collaboratively with CSAC IT Change Management Lead.

Lead facilitation efforts for assessment of potential release impacts. Responsible for management of release related metrics, reports, presentations, meetings, documentation, communication and tools. Conducts analysis of release information to determine trends).

Lead and facilitate all Release Management associated meetings.

Lead release scheduling and coordination. Educate and train the enterprise on Release Management and ITIL processes.

Responsible for ensuring all releases are evaluated for benefits and risks, and that all impacts are considered.

Responsible for prioritizing release schedule so that limited resources are allocated to those items that produce the greatest benefit based on the business need.

Responsible for updating ServiceNow with all progress that occurs, including any actions to correct problems and/or to take opportunities to improve service quality.

Responsible for requiring that all items are thoroughly tested, and that each deployment includes a back-out plan to restore the state of the environment if the deployment fails. Liaises with all necessary parties to coordinate release schedule for testing and implementation in line with established scheduled.

Responsible for ensuring that ServiceNow is updated to reflect the release details.

Responsible for making the Release Management process/program more efficient and effective.

25% Act in a support capacity as a backup lead to the Change Management Lead within the IT Service Management Section and the ITSD.

Act in a support capacity regarding CSAC IT Risk Management Program and IT Technical Requirements management within the IT Service Management Section and the ITSD.

Provides leadership support for IT Project Management within the IT Service Management Section and the ITSD.

20% Responsible for delivery of stellar customer service. Responsible for ensuring team delivery of stellar customer service. Understand and utilize effective customer relationship management principles, policies, processes and procedures. At all times, ensure customer service and customer relations are priority. Assist in establishing and employ processes and procedures that support effective and efficient customer services and support. Assist in training staff on effective customer service techniques and best practices.

Support the development and growth of information technology service management in the ITS Division using the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) framework to improve the delivery of services and information to our internal and external stakeholders. Identify and develop continuous process improvement initiatives. Actively contribute to the development and administration of Enterprise Services projects, policies, procedures and standards.

Responsible for developing efficient and effective policies, processes, procedures and communications to support a foundational enterprise services program that assists in ensuring successful completion of all enterprise projects, governance, Release Management and production support programs/projects/efforts.

Actively facilitates cross-functional workgroups/teams to effectively meet the goals and objectives in support of the CSAC mission. Ensure effective communication and collaboration among teams and ensure processes and procedures are established which support this effort. Responsible for providing presentations, executive summaries and meeting management to CSAC Executive Management as needed. Responsible for forward thinking and future planning to effectively establish accurate activities and tasks to meet future program expectations.

Responsible for working independently to create complex documents, letters, emails, memos and other correspondence to communicate with other department staff, other state agencies and/or general public using correct grammar, spelling and syntax. Conduct comprehensive research and analysis to support reports, project summaries, proposed legislation reviews to comply with legislative mandates, complete assigned work and help ensure CSAC meets its goals and/or fulfills its mission. Must communicate technical concepts to non-technical audiences. Responsible for development and delivery of a variety of presentations to various audiences.

**Non-Essential Functions:**

- *Secondary to essential functions*
- *Function is a minimal part of the job*
- *Make up remaining duties of the position*
- *Can be absorbed by another staff person*

10% Other duties as required.

**I. ADA Requirement:**

Alternatives will be provided for incumbents who are unable to perform the non-essential functions of the job due to a disability covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act

**II. Physical Requirements:**

Ability to operate and utilize office machines required to perform work tasks, such as copiers, faxes, calculators, personal computer, etc. These job duties may require the incumbent to work under demanding conditions and irregular hours during peak periods. Requires sitting for long periods of time while using a personal computer or reviewing documents and working papers.

**III. Working Conditions:**

Employee’s work is to be performed within an office environment, and is equipped with standard or ergonomic office equipment, as needed. Attend meetings in designated conference rooms and be willing to travel to off-site meeting locations.

**IV. Attendance:**

Must maintain regular and consistent attendance. This position is subject to on-call and standby time and periodic off-shift, weekend work. This position is work week group “E” which is exempted from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). A work week group “E” or salaried employee does not receive overtime compensation and may be required to work specific hours to provide services when deemed necessary by management. Employees who are excluded from FLSA shall not charge paid leave for absences of less than whole day increments or docked for absences of less than a whole day.

**V. Signature:** \*Duties of this position are subject to change and may be revised as needed or required.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all the requirements and information above and will receive a copy of this Duty Statement.

**Applicant/Employee Certification of Essential Functions:** I certify that I possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties as described above with or without reasonable accommodation. (If you believe reasonable accommodation is necessary, discuss your concerns with the hiring supervisor. If unsure of a need for reasonable accommodation, inform the hiring supervisor, who will discuss your concerns with the HR Office).

**Professional Conduct:** As an employee of the CA Student Aid Commission, I shall conduct business in a professional and ethical manner by demonstrating integrity, honesty, good judgement, courtesy, and respect at all times. I shall be sensitive to, and responsible for, the efficient, economical, and legal implementation of all business operations.

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date