# WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK POOL JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: CLAIMS ANALYST

**Reports to:** Claims Manager

**FLSA Status:** Exempt **Experience Level: Intermediate** 

**Annual Salary:** \$68,832 or higher depending on qualifications and experience

Nature of Work: Investigates, evaluates, negotiates and settles assigned bodily injury and property damage liability claims consistent with the Pool's established Claims Handling Policies & procedures. Claim files generally consist of low-to-medium exposure claims filed against county government. Oversee and coordinate with member counties in the handling of claims and in seeing claims through closure.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 1. Promptly and effectively handle to conclusion all assigned claims with moderate direction and oversight.
- 2. Handle moderately complex liability claims and, on occasion, litigated claims, as assigned.
- 3. Interview, telephone, and/or correspond with member counties, claimants and witnesses to evaluate liability, injuries and damage.
- 4. Make decisions, including evaluating, negotiating and settling claims within assigned levels of authority and consistent with established procedures.
- 5. Set, review and adjust reserves in accordance with Pool practices to ensure reserve adequacy.
- 6. Submit severe incident reports, reinsurance reports and other information to insurers and management as needed.
- 7. Attend settlement conferences on non-litigated and, on occasion, litigated claim files.
- 8. Respond to specific inquiries from member counties, claimants and staff members on claims.
- 9. Utilize independent adjusters and attorneys as needed and in accordance with established policies and procedures.
- 10. Maintain liaison with excess carriers or reinsurers as required.
- 11. Adhere to high standards of professional conduct while providing delivery of superior claims service to member counties.
- 12. Perform other functions as assigned.

#### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- 1. Experience in the use of claims management information systems.
- 2. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills.
- 3. Strong organizational skills.
- 4. Ability to plan, organize, multi task, and perform work with moderate supervision and direction.
- 5. Demonstrated ability to evaluate, negotiate and resolve moderately complex liability claims including claims involving coverage issues.

- 6. Ability to establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships.
- 7. Problem solving and negotiation skills.
- 8. Flexibility to travel and work irregular hours when required.
- 9. Ability to keep sensitive and privileged information confidential.

## **Working Conditions and Physical Effort:**

- 1. Work is normally performed in a typical interior/office work environment.
- 2. No or very limited physical effort required.
- 3. No or very limited exposure to physical risk.
- 4. Minimal to moderate travel required which may include overnights.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- 1. AA degree in business, public administration\*, or AIC certification, <u>and</u> minimum of three (3) years of claims adjusting experience; <u>or</u> any combination of education and progressively responsible experience which would provide the applicant with the ability to perform job duties.
- 2. A valid unrestricted (except vision) Washington State driver's license and a driving record meeting WCRP standards.