Principal, Public Sector Accounting

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The Opportunity

The Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) was created to serve the public interest by establishing accounting standards and providing guidance and other performance information reported by entities in the public sector.

Reporting to the Director, Public Sector Accounting, you will be a member of a highly skilled, energetic and committed team of professionals to advise and carry out the plans of PSAB. Working directly with senior professionals, you will be developing accounting and financial reporting standards and other guidance for senior and local governments and organizations controlled by governments. This requires you to lead committees of volunteers to create accounting and financial reporting standards and other guidance, as well as communicate with a network of preparers, auditors, senior government officials, practitioners, professional associations, international standard setters and members of the public.

The Position

Your leadership, both as a technical expert and skilled facilitator, will bring together people and ideas, resulting in timely and high quality standards and other guidance for the benefit of PSAB stakeholders. You will need to:

- Establish and nurture senior level contacts with various stakeholder groups
- Work independently to identify issues, explore alternatives, propose solutions and prepare any necessary meeting materials
- Clearly articulate the results of your work to a variety of stakeholders including volunteer members of PSAB
- Assist with development of strategic and annual plans, board minutes and stakeholder surveys
- Assist with the development of communications plans, conduct internal and external presentations, design and present webcasts, and develop other communiques

The Candidate

The preferred candidate will be an innovative professional accountant with at least six years postqualifying experience, possessing the following attributes and skills:

- A dynamic and strategic thinker with sound judgment and integrity.
- Interpersonal skills that reflect your ability to perform with tact and diplomacy when dealing in group situations.
- Knowledge of public sector accounting standards.
- Background in local government and Indigenous issues is desirable.
- A flair for research and preparing creative solutions to complex problems.
- The ability to plan and carry out projects according to plan.
- An effective writer and presenter.

• A team player.

Success depends on your ability to integrate strong technical knowledge with effective strategic thinking and communication skills, and to facilitate consensus and understanding among key stakeholders.

Fluency in English is required and French is desirable.

Other Matters

Location is flexible. Some travel is required.

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