Position Description

Title: Desktop Support Specialist

Reports to: Director of Information Technology

Department: Information Technology

Department Function: Supports all operations and ensures the highest level of quality of operations and administration of IFF on a day-to-day and strategic basis, manage planning processes, board relations and systems.

The Organization

IFF is a mission-driven lender, real estate consultant, and developer that helps communities thrive. Key to our success has been a deep sense of purpose, a broad perspective, and a relentless focus on achieving positive results. Across the Midwest we help clients from every sector; including human service agencies, health centers, schools, affordable housing developers, and healthy food grocery operators. Staff contribute extensive business experience and an unrivaled connection to the mission of IFF to the clients we serve.

IFF is looking for candidates with a commitment to the work we do who can demonstrate their creativity, diligence, enthusiasm, growth-mindset, thoughtfulness, and passion to make meaningful change in the areas of economic and racial justice.

Our staff of nearly 100 professionals works from our Chicago headquarters and six regional offices: Indianapolis, IN; Detroit, MI; Kansas City, MO; St. Louis, MO; Columbus, OH; and Milwaukee, WI.

Basic Job Function

Provide the organization with technical support for computer, telephone and business systems by keeping them updated and operating correctly. Assist with maintaining systems. Participates in projects led by the IT department under the supervision of the Director of Information Technology. Provide initial on-boarding training on network, on premise/cloud-based systems, and VoIP phone system.
Job Duties and Responsibilities

1. Responds to inquiries and requests for support from staff in main and regional offices via the organization’s service desk system. Identifies, troubleshoots and resolves hardware and software user issues. Maintain necessary updates and patches to hardware and software environment. Documents and maintains log of user incident reports and course of action taken.

2. Maintains inventory and renewal of hardware, software. Support staff’s ability to connect to office systems remotely and communicate using multiple channels (email, IM, and voice). Participates in the development of system upgrades and modifications.

3. Manage user accounts and permissions in Active Directory. Sets up and trains employees on Microsoft Office 365 applications and initial training on network and information system. Supports and administers business systems like Dynamics CRM and Commercial Servicer (Loanware) a commercial mortgage servicer system.

4. Assists with the administration of voice and data networks. Support organization wide videoconferencing capabilities. Coordinates installation and maintenance of VOIP telephones; trains staff on the use of voice mail, deploys new telephones and coordinates training for staff.

5. Oversees and participates in the customization and testing and deployment of modifications, customizations and updates to systems.

6. Keeps Director of IT and CFO apprised of progress through regular updates or meetings.

7. Manage cloud-based subscription services; MS SharePoint, Dynamics CRM, Office 365 and Project Web Access.

8. Performs other duties as assigned.

Performance Measures

1. Maintains a high level of customer service and communications across the organization; including response times within industry norms and computer related troubleshooting is identified and corrected on a timely basis for all staff.
2. Maintain computer performance; backup and security patches are identified and resolved in a timely manner to ensure maximum productivity, daily backups completed successfully, and aborted or incomplete jobs are addressed immediately to retain integrity of network data.

3. Maintain telephone system and ensure consistent uptime with little interruption of call service or loss of voice mail activity, videoconferencing and conference calls work consistently.

4. Employees are trained on business systems and software. Technical needs are questions are responded to in a timely manner.

5. Cultivates a culture of openness in information sharing. Encourages open communication, cooperation, and the sharing of knowledge.

6. Models personal accountability that promotes ownership and engagement.

7. Builds and maintains effective working relationships with colleagues, peers and team members.

8. Values and supports differences in others, contributing to an inclusive work environment. Demonstrates the ability and willingness to communicate effectively with people of diverse backgrounds and experiences to create a collaborative, collegial, and caring community.

9. High level of satisfaction with both internal colleagues and external contacts.

Position Qualifications

**Education:** 1 to 2 years or more of college level coursework in computer science, computer information systems, networking, computer programming or system analysis. Certified in CompTiA A+ or CompTIa Network+ is desirable. Bachelor’s degree preferred.

**Previous Experience:** One or more years of related experience in enterprise user support, preferably in the nonprofit or financial services sector.
Special Knowledge & Skills:

1. High level of organizational and detail skills

2. Great oral and written communication skills and ability to communicate with all levels of staff

3. Ability to balance multiple tasks and respond quickly to developments


5. Experience with videoconferencing and other related communication systems desirable.

6. Ability to think creatively about problems.

Unusual Requirements: Ability to lift PC and server equipment and some overtime required.

Application Instructions: Please submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to careers@iff.org with “Desktop Support Specialist” in the subject line.

IFF values equity, diversity and inclusion as part of its mission to strengthen nonprofits and the communities they serve. IFF is an equal opportunity employer.