

President's Message

Welcome to the IMA 2006-2007!

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I hope that this newsletter finds you warm and well. Winter has decided to make an appearance and a significant one! With that in mind, why not break up the winter blahs by spending some time with your fellow IMA members and students. The February meeting is shaping up to be quite an event. I am fortunate enough to work at the same company as our speaker and he is a dynamic leader. Marty Stowe will be sharing his career path and thoughts on how to be a leader. I am confident everyone, at all stages of their career, will be able to take something away. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Bring your reminder postcard for the February and March meeting with your name on it and enter to win a fabulous prize. We will announce the prize at the February meeting. The prize will be awarded in April!

Stay warm!

Jody

Jody Allison

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******* Newsletter Deadline*******

The deadline for submitting the March newsletter items is **March 20th 2007**.

Please submit articles to Allison Beard at allison.beard@roberthalf.com

THE IMA WANTS YOU.....

to increase membership!!

Submit the names of the new members you have introduced to the IMA and win a vacation package getaway to a local resort of your choice(Value not to exceed \$350).

How do I win the fabulous prize?

Network with local professionals and introduce them to the IMA. Once they become a new member, e-mail the persons name to Jody Allison at jallison@paychex.com and put in the subject line "Membership Contest." The contest runs through April 30 and the winner will be announced at the May meeting.

Rules:

In order to win, the person must submit at least 2 new members.

Good Luck!



2007
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Telephone: 585-251-5194
Website: www.imarochester.org

**Institute of Management Accountants Board Meetings
2007**

February 7, 2007 – Meeting Location – 4:30PM

March 7, 2007 – Conference Call – 12:00PM

April 25, 2007 – Meeting Location – 5:00PM

May 16, 2007 – Meeting Location – 4:30 PM

June 6, 2007 – Conference Call – 12:00 PM

The conference call number will be provided to the Board prior to the meeting by the Secretary.

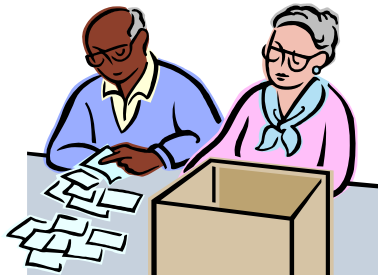
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IMA Volunteers Support Lifespan

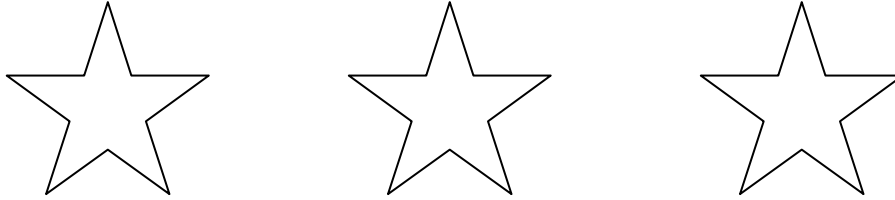
Lifespan supports a variety of services for the elderly. It is located at 1900 South Clinton Ave. Financial Management services include budgeting, bill paying, reconciling bank accounts, filing health insurance claims and financial information for applications for renewal of rent subsidies, Medicaid and food stamps. Volunteer Financial Managers also fend off those who would take advantage of the client's physical condition.

Volunteering with *Lifespan* qualifies as an IMA community service project. Several members of the Rochester Chapter IMA have been volunteering with Lifespan for several years. Talk to, or call Ray Koenig, Jim Borden, Dick Stryker or Ellen Wozniak for their personal viewpoints on the program.

There is an urgent need for more volunteers to serve a backlog of elderly persons waiting for assistance. Orientation seminars are held periodically for new volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to make a positive difference in an elderly person's life, please call *Lifespan* at (585) 244-8400.



Harrison Bridges and Associates, Architects has hired Donna Christidis as the company's controller



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JOB POSTING #1

Position available

Analyst - Applications - Rochester, New York

Utility Shared Services, an Energy East Company, is looking for a (2) Analyst - Applications for its Rochester, New York location.

Description:

Under general supervision, provides timely and high quality application solutions that satisfy business and regulatory requirements. Analyzes system/program problems and designs appropriate solutions through the creation of new programs or enhancements/modifications to existing programs.

Requirements:

1. Participates in the development, maintenance, integration, and enhancement of software applications within project deadlines, including scope definition, requirements definition, research, business area analysis, data and process modeling, specification preparation, estimating, coding, testing, etc.
2. Provides daily operation support of application systems in accordance with established standards and procedures, including the monitoring, exception reporting and resolution of problems in the production operation, communicating with internal business areas, external service providers and other IT areas.
3. Provides technical and application consultation, as required. Develops and recommends innovative business solutions and alternatives for complex problems resulting in efficient, economical business processes.
4. Utilizes productivity tools (i.e. Microsoft Office) gains proficiency in preparing accurate and thorough proposals, system designs, program specifications, test plans, procedures, and other documentation.
5. Assists in project plan/schedule development and maintenance, risk assessment, change management, and issue management.
6. Determines problem cause/effect relationships for production support work.
7. Tests, checks and debugs computer programs.
8. Perform other duties as assigned.

Skills/Abilities:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills.
- Project management and leadership skills.

Experience/Training:

- 2-4 years of IT experience, including work as a Programmer Analyst.
- Application design and development experience.
- Knowledge of desktop applications, mainframe and/or client servers and customer service.
- Knowledge of web based and client/server development tools (may include: Net, ASP, VB, C++, C#, UNIX/AIX, Scripting, XML, HTML) as well as relational database technology.

Required Education:

- Requires a Bachelors Degree in Information Technology, Business, or related discipline and two years relevant experience; or Associates Degree and four years relevant experience; or High School equivalent and six years relevant experience.

To apply please go to <http://energyeast.hiringadmin.com> and enter Job ID 366.

Utility Shared Services Corporation is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women, minorities, people with disabilities and Vietnam-era veterans to apply. The Company obtains a background check and requires drug testing for all applicants who are offered employment in this position.

JOB POSTING #2

Bookkeeper/Accountant

A Not-for Profit Agency is seeking a Bookkeeper/Accountant for its local office.

Duties and Condition of employment:

- Budget preparation, reporting vs. actual, and analysis. Assist executive director in preparation, analyzing budget variances and provide recommendations for improvement
- Provide monthly financial statements, including Balance Sheet, Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets and Statements of Revenues and Expenses by program or functional support area.
- Prepare or update existing accounting policies and procedures manual, create new procedures as needed with internal control integrity as primary goal.
- Prepare Funder vouchers as necessary in a timely manner. Track receipt of funds and provide Management with reporting of delinquencies and aging schedule on a monthly basis.
- Perform Accounts Payable function including preparation of checks, invoice approval and have checks signed by authorized staff. Allocate expenses to various programs as necessary.
- Utilize Paychex payroll service for payroll processing and reporting. Allocate payroll expense to various programs as necessary.
- Perform all bank and general ledger account reconciliations. All reconciliations will be approved by the Executive Director.
- Coordinate annual Audit with outside auditors.
- Assist in development of budgets for proposed grants.
- Perform other tasks associated with accounting as necessary to assist organization in meeting goals and growth.
- There will be quarterly reviews of the financial functions
- Processing of new employee paperwork to include:
 - Complete enrollment in health plan, and other agency benefits
 - Complete back ground checks per agency policy
 - Fill out appropriate w4s and I9 Forms
 - Distribute Personal Policies and employee manual
- Assist in personnel matters for current employees

Qualifications and experience required:

A minimum of an Associate Degree in accounting is required. Also, three years experience in a finance office of which one of those years is with a non for profit agency preparing vouchers.

Send resume and salary requirement to wjh918@rochester.rr.com and they will be forwarded to the agency.

JOB POSTING #3

Democrat and Chronicle

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTANT INTERN

Rochester's largest news and information provider is seeking an accounting student for a paid internship during the summer.

Responsibilities:

Actively participate in the processing of all accounting activity, including transaction review and journal entry preparation; monthly financial statement closings and general ledger preparation; balance sheet reconciliations and management reporting and analysis. The candidate will also be responsible for maintaining certain subsidiary databases and systems and will monitor data for conformity with audit and Corporate reporting requirements. Participate in various audits of processes and procedures to ensure compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley requirements. Continually review processes and procedures for optimum efficiency.

Requirements:

Completion of sophomore or junior year in a degreed undergraduate accounting program.

Proficient in Microsoft Office including Excel, Word and Outlook. Experience with other PC-based and mainframe accounting systems is a plus.

Strong comprehension and interpretation skills for policies and procedures.

Strong emphasis on customer service.

Excellent analytical, organizational, oral and written communication skills

Must be able to work efficiently on multiple tasks under tight deadlines.

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Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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ICMA ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO CFM CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Reflects Commitment to Holders of CFM Certification

The Board of Regents of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA[®]) today announced that testing for the Certified Financial Manager (CFM[®]) program will no longer be available after December 31, 2007. The CFM certification program was established approximately 10 years ago, and more than 4,100 management accounting professionals have earned the CFM designation. The ICMA and its parent, the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA[®]), will continue to support all CFM holders with appropriate member services, recognition of the CFM achievement, and the maintenance of certification records.

"The CFM certification is an excellent program," said John Brausch, chair, ICMA Board of Regents, "but the program was unable to find a sustained audience. Therefore, the Board made the decision not to expend further resources on the CFM but rather to dedicate those resources to supporting the Certified Management Accountant (CMA[®]) program." Added Brausch, who holds both the CFM and CMA designations, "This was a difficult decision for the Board, but we believe that the benefits to be gained by focusing solely on the enhancement of the CMA program will, in the long run, make the decision worthwhile. We again congratulate those who have earned the CFM and assure them of our continuing support."

Those who are currently CMAs and those who are currently enrolled in the CFM program, will continue to have the opportunity to take the CFM examination until December 31, 2007. New enrollees who are not yet CMAs will be accepted into the CFM program until December 31, 2006 and will also have until the end of 2007 to take the CFM examination.

"The decision of the Board of Regents is consistent with ICMA's vision to be the world's leading provider of certification for management accounting and finance professionals," said Dennis Whitney, vice president-ICMA, "This new focus will enhance the value of the CMA." Whitney, who also holds both the CFM and CMA designations, added, "We understand that some will be disappointed about this decision, however, the value added to the CMA program will benefit most certified members as 95% of the CFM holders are also CMAs." Please refer to the National Web site for more information.

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