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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 2016-20**

Subject: Attorney Advisor – GS-0905-13/14

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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is currently recruiting to fill the Regional Counsel position in the Region 10 office in Seattle, WA. The ideal candidate is one with experience in general law, including the following areas: government contracts, administrative, grants agreements, real property, Federal ethics, environmental and/or civil rights law.

**Deadline date for applications is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.**

The job announcement as advertised is open for all US Citizens under FTA.TCC-2016-0003. (Please note that FTA is also recruiting for the Regional Counsel position in Region 8, Denver, CO with the same job announcement). Follow the guidelines in applying for this position at:

<https://dot.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/436831600>.

The mission of the FTA's Regional Offices is to help provide and improve public transportation in America's communities. To accomplish this mission, FTA supports research, training and information dissemination, demonstration projects, and deployment programs aimed at increasing transit ridership, improving transit safety and security, increasing mobility and economic growth, and minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution. The employee provides a wide range of legal services involving all functional areas assigned to the Office of Chief Counsel. This would include research and counseling on all legal requirements pertaining to the regional office's administration of FTA's grant and loan programs, and the agency's related authorities.

**The Attorney Adviser has duties as counsel to the agency as a member of the Chief Counsel's staff as follows:**

- Serves as a legal resource, responds to questions posed by FTA Regional staff and others within and outside the Federal Government and prepares necessary documentation to support the agency's position on matters for which incumbent has primary responsibility. Advises on questions of law or administrative policy involved in the operation of FTA and in its contacts with industry, private and professional associations, State and local governments, and the general public.

- Evaluates pending grant applications for legal sufficiency, ascertaining whether the Regional Administrator has an adequate basis upon which to make the findings and determinations that are prerequisite to grant approval. Following the execution of grant agreements by FTA's grant recipients, the incumbent evaluates those agreements for legal sufficiency.
- Reviews all Freedom of Information and Privacy Act requests submitted to FTA Region 8 (Denver, CO) or 10 (Seattle, WA), invokes exemptions to disclosure, when appropriate, and counsels the Regional Administrator and regional staff in framing appropriate responses to the requests.
- Drafts legal opinions and performs legal services involving issues concerning the negotiation, drafting, execution, and administration of Federal grants, and cooperative agreements regarding various agency programs. Reviews draft environmental documents under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and determines legal sufficiency.

For further information, please contact Region 10's Rick Krochalis at 206-220-7957, or email [rick.krochalis@dot.gov](mailto:rick.krochalis@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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