FY' 2022 Asian American Employment Plan

Per Public Act 097-0856, each state agency is required to report their activities in implementing the State Asian American Employment Plan to the General Assembly. Please provide the information as requested below reflecting both bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit data.

* 1. Agency: Office of the Illinois Secretary of State

* 2. Agency Information:

Agency Director or Secretary:	Jesse White, Secretary of State
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*3. As of June 30, 2022, provide the number of Asian Americans employed within each of the following EEO categories:

Officials and Administrators:	1
Professionals:	17
Technicians:	3
Protective Services:	4
Para-Professionals:	6
Administrative Support:	85
Skilled Craft:	0
Service Maintenance:	0

*4. As of June 30, 2022, provide the number of employees in Asian-Speaking option positions who received bilingual pay employed within each of the following EEO categories:

Officials and Administrators:	0
Professionals:	1
Technicians:	0
Protective Services:	0
Para-Professionals:	0
Administrative Support:	10
Skilled Craft:	0
Service Maintenance:	0

**Per our collective bargaining agreements and job requirements, bilingual pay is only received for positions, which provide bilingual services as a regular part of the duties of the position.

*5. As of June 30, 2022, provide the number of funded positions within each of the following EEO categories:

Officials and Administrators:	84
Professionals:	895
Technicians:	54
Protective Services:	232
Para-Professionals:	375
Administrative Support:	1677
Skilled Craft:	126
Service Maintenance:	190

*6. As of June 30, 2022, provide the total number of agency employees; include full-time, parttime and leave of absence:

3,901

*7. As of June 30, 2022, provide the underutilization for Asian Americans by category:

Officials and Administrators:	0
Professionals:	4
Technicians:	0
Protective Services:	0
Para-Professionals:	1
Administrative Support:	0
Skilled Craft:	0
Service Maintenance:	1

*8. Were there any increases or decreases in the number of Asian American employees within any of the EEOC categories from the prior fiscal year? If so, please provide specific details.

In FY'2022, the Office of the Secretary of State ("SOS") employed in total 116 individuals who identify as Asian Americans, which is an increase from 98 in FY'2021. This included increases in the Professional, Protective Service, and Administrative Support EEO categories

Additionally, through new hires and internal promotions, the SOS was able to reduce the underutilization of Asian Americans in the Professional EEO categories.

* 9. Does your agency provide budget allcoations for Asian American Employment Programs? Additionally, has you agency established a budget for Bilingual (Asian-speaking option) program(s)? If yes, provide FY'2022 budget allocation for each of these programs:

While there is no specific budget allocation for Asian American Employment Programs, the agency regularly monitors its need for additional staff in order to provide the proper service to Asian-speaking citizens and communities throughout the State.

The Department of Personnel institutes linguistic options to increase communication with the citizens served by the SOS. The SOS maintained bilingual positions and specifically, Asian-speaking positions where the need demanded. In FY'2022, 11 positions were designated for monthly bilingual differential pay, for Asian-speaking positions.

*10. How many Human Resources staff does your agency have?

40 (as of 6/30/2022)

*11.How many those Human Resources staff are minorities?

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*12. Provide the overall number of employees that vacated your agency due to resignation, retirement, layoff, termination and transfer during FY'2022.

561

*13. Please list the position titles.

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*14. How many of the employees who vacated your agency during FY'2022 were Asian American?

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*15. Please include job titles that were vacated by Asian Americans?

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*16. How many new employees were hired during FY'2022? Include new "off the street" hires from the Open Competitive list of eligibles and inter and intra agency transfers of current state employees, promotions, voluntary reductions, lateral moves, etc.

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*17. List the position titles.

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*18. How many new employees (as defined in Question #16) hired in FY'2022 were Asian American?

54

*19. List Promotional programs that provide Asian American employees with career ladder enhancement, self-development training or otherwise enhance your agency's ability to meet the needs of the Asian American community and your Asian American employees:

The SOS acknowledges and promotes the initiatives that create the framework for a productive, efficient, well-trained, and diverse workforce.

The SOS employs Job Counselors who offer employees one-on-one coaching sessions that provide guidance on the testing and bidding procedures, interviewing, transferring, as well as understanding job classifications and other personnel transactions. These sessions provide an important pathway to promotional opportunities and to the full participation for minority employees. Job Counselors also make available exam breakdowns and application evaluations that help employees assess their test scores and/or interview results that will affect their eligibility.

Job Counselors help guide employees through the promotion and advancement provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreements, the Merit Commission Code, and the Rules of the Department of Personnel. The Job Counselors also provide employees with information and guidance on bilingual positions and bilingual differential pay.

For employees in supervisory roles, the Department of Personnel offer internal and external training opportunities so employees can enhance their professional skills.

Asian American employees are provided opportunities for advancement and development in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Tuition reimbursement is available, in accordance with SOS policy. The program provides eligible employees with the opportunity to obtain, maintain, or improve job-related skills through continuing education.

*20. How many student workers / interns did your agency hire in FY'2022? (Do not include trainee positions)

42

* 21. If your agency employed student workers / interns in FY'2022, how many were Asian American?

1

*22. What activities does the EEO Officer conduct / participate in during the open competitive hiring process to ensure that the area of underutilization for minority categories is being addressed?

The EEO Officer monitors the agency's affirmative action performance and implements the guidelines of the AA plan; reports affirmative action goals and progress on a quarterly basis to Illinois Department of Human Rights; regularly monitors hires and promotions, confers with hiring personnel and other management regarding the agency's policies; advises personnel managers on the agency's underutilization.

*23. If random selection of candidates was part of the open competitive interview invitation process describe your agency's method of random selection?

Not applicable.

*24. List all agency activities undertaken in implementing the State Asian American Employment Plan; Asian American employment strategies (recruitment, internships, community linkages, development of an Asian American Employment Recruitment Plan):

The SOS recruitment efforts include providing agencies and organizations that target the Asian American community with information regarding our application process and specific job opportunities within SOS. The Department of Personnel sends EEO notices to agencies that serve the Asian American community, for example the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and in an effort to establish a qualified and diverse workforce. Whenever possible, qualified minorities, including Asian American candidates are selected.

Additionally, the agency posts the application process and procedures on the internet, including the interoffice intranet system. This effort also includes posting job openings in areas where there is an inadequate minority applicant pool. For specialized positions, or titles that maybe difficult to fill, the agency will occasionally use on-line services to announce the availability of a position.

Whenever possible, SOS Job Counselors travel throughout the State to participate in job fairs, employment conferences and workshops that target or are sponsored by minority communities and organizations.

*25. How many veterans were hired externally during FY'2022?

21

*26. How many were Asian American veterans?

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this completed survey represents the Asian American Employment Plan Survey of this agency and that the agency head read and approved these responses.