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MADISON COUNTY PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
WAMPSVILLE, NEW YORK

#66-796 CORRECTIONS OFFICER
(Open Competitive)

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

January 10, 2015

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL:

December 1, 2014

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE
A NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE PROCESSING FEE
MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION
\$15.00 MONEY ORDER ONLY – PAYABLE TO MADISON COUNTY TREASURER
Since application fees are non-refundable, you are urged to carefully compare
your qualifications with the requirements for admission and file only for those
examinations for which you are clearly qualified.**

SALARY: \$17.52/hr (2014 Hire Rate)

VACANCIES: The eligible lists established as a result of these examinations will be used to fill present and future vacancies as they occur in the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been legal residents of Madison County, Onondaga County, Cortland County, Chenango County, Otsego County, Oneida County, or Oswego County for at least one month immediately preceding the date of the written test. Preference in certification may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of Madison County or the jurisdiction in which appointment is to be made for at least one month prior to the date of certification.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the enforcement of rules and regulations governing the custody, security, conduct, discipline, safety and general well-being of inmates at the County correctional facility. The duties involve considerable inmate contact and supervision in a work, recreation or learning environment. Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise sound judgment when problems occur. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher level correctional supervisor with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations in the facility. Does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Successful completion of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services approved Basic Course for Corrections Officer prior to completion of the probationary period.

TO BE CERTIFIED FOR APPOINTMENT, CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. No person may be appointed as a Corrections Officer who has been convicted of a felony or of any offense in any other jurisdiction which if committed in New York State would constitute a felony. A person may also be barred from appointment if he/she has been convicted of a misdemeanor or of any offense in any other jurisdiction which if committed in New York State would constitute a misdemeanor if the County Personnel Officer determines that the employment of such person is not in the best interest of the department.
2. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age at the time of appointment.
3. United States citizenship is required at the time of appointment.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and Additional Screening: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which may include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. At the discretion of the appointing authority, candidates may be subject to additional screenings as a term and condition of employment, including but not limited to psychological testing. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

FINGERPRINTING & FEES: Fingerprinting may occur at the applicant's expense.

PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCREENING: When you are offered a full-time permanent or contingent permanent appointment at Madison County, you will be required to complete a pre-placement physical examination and controlled substance screening prior to employment.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. Applying Written Information in a Correctional Services Setting: These questions test for the ability to read, interpret, and apply rules, regulations, directives, written narratives and other related material. You will be required to read a set of information, and to appropriately apply the information to situations similar to those typically experienced in a correctional services setting. All the information needed to answer the questions asked concerning the situations presented is contained in the rules, regulations, etc., which are cited.

2. Observing and Recalling Facts and Information: These questions test for the ability to observe and recall information presented. You will be presented with information describing or depicting prison scenes or other facts. You will have a short time to observe and memorize the information before it is collected by the monitor. You will then be asked to recall specific details about the information presented.

3. Preparing Written Material: These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

4. Understanding and Interpreting Written Material: These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES: A Guide for the Written Test for Entry-Level Correction Officer is available at the New York State website: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

USE OF A CALCULATOR OR SLIDE RULE IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAM.

NOTE: Bring positive identification to the written examination such as a driver's license, passport or student identification which contains a photo and your signature. Candidates will not be admitted without the proper identification.

APPLICATIONS: May be obtained and must be filed in the Madison County Personnel/Civil Service Department, County Office Building, PO Box 636, Wampsville, NY 13163. Phone (315) 366-2341. [Applications](#) can also be downloaded at the Personnel Department's website www.madisoncounty.ny.gov. Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last filing date.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency.

All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. You may call/write the Madison County Personnel/Civil Service Department, P.O. Box 636, Wampsville, NY 13163; (315)366-2341 or you can download the form from the Madison County Personnel Department's website www.madisoncounty.ny.gov.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Accepted candidates will be notified by letter when and where to appear for this examination. If notice of acceptance or disapproval is not received at least three days prior to the examination date, please call this office at (315) 366-2341.

The written test is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to the written test.

ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION CREDIT TO CHILDREN OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of deputy sheriffs and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a deputy sheriff or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

VETERAN'S CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. [Applications](#) for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credit can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Candidates currently in the armed forces may apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credit.

THOSE REQUIRING RELIGIOUS ACCOMODATIONS, DISABLED PERSONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY: IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING ARE REQUIRED, INDICATE THIS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU FILE. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO THE EXAMINATION AS THIS WILL BE USED AS THEIR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE EXAMINATION.

ISSUED: October 27, 2014

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Madison County
Personnel Officer

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