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STATE CONTROLLER RECRUITING PROBATE REFEREES IN ALL COUNTIES

Appraisers, Attorneys & Accountants May Qualify

SACRAMENTO – California State Controller Steve Westly is recruiting candidates to be considered as Probate Referees for California. Individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply.

“This is a great opportunity for people to provide a valuable service to the community and earn extra income,” Westly said. “I am actively recruiting to get the most qualified and diverse pool of applicants around the state.”

The Controller is authorized by law to appoint at least one probate referee for each county. Of the 129 appointed Probate Referee positions in California, 32 positions are available for re-appointment. The State Controller’s Office will conduct a qualifying examination for possible appointment on April 9, 2005. Applicants must meet the minimum professional requirements listed below, successfully pass an examination, and be interviewed by a panel of judges and attorneys to be considered for appointment.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Bachelor’s degree plus at least thirty (30) class hours in appraisal/valuation classes; or
- 2,000 hours of experience within a four year period appraising real and/or personal property; or
- Certified as an appraiser by the California Office of Real Estate Appraisers, the Appraisal Institute or the American Society of Appraisers; or
- Attorney with a minimum of three (3) years as a member of the California State Bar; or
- Certified Public Accountant with a minimum of three (3) years as a licensed CPA in California.

To be appointed as Probate Referee, a person must by experience, background, training, and temperament, be qualified to exercise sound judgment in the determination of fair market values of property of all types, real and personal.

Interested persons who meet the above requirements should call Cooperative Personnel Services at (916) 263-3624 and request an application for Probate Referee. The application and testing information is also available at www.sco.ca.gov or <http://www.cps.ca.gov/ProbateReferee/ProbateReq.asp>. Please return completed applications to: Cooperative Personnel Services, Attn: Probate Referee Program, 241 Lathrop Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Applications must be received by March 30, 2005. The examination will be given on Saturday, April 9, 2005 in selected sites around the state.

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Please note that five (5) letters of recommendation from the references you list on your application are required to be considered for an appointment. All letters are to be received by the State Controller's Office no later than April 15, 2005. Send letters to: State Controller's Office, Probate Referee Program, Attn: Amber Camarena, 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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