SECTION 4
SCREENING PROCESS

Paper Screening

All requirements set for applicants can be viewed as employment tests by the courts, e.g., application forms, minimum application material requirements, written samples, transcripts, etc. Therefore, it is imperative that everything requested of applicants be directly relevant to the position and be a reliable predictor of success in the position. If there are qualifications required or preferred that are not addressed by the application form, consideration should be given to using a supplemental application form.

In addition to the requirements and responsibilities listed, the following criteria (as appropriate) may be considered in selecting candidates:

1. Educational experience breadth and depth.
2. Work experience breadth and depth.
3. Demonstrated leadership capabilities.
4. Program development.
5. Community involvement.
6. Demonstrated experience in working with a diverse socioeconomic community.
7. Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively with others.

Applicants selected for an interview may be required to take additional tests or assessments and will be notified of such prior to the date of interview.

The committee will use the approved screening criteria to select candidates for interview. Screening at this point in the process must be based solely on the application materials submitted.

At the completion of paper screening, the chair shall provide the following reports to the Human Resources
Department:

1. Screening Review Form – identifies the selected candidates and the reasons for the non-selection of all other candidates
2. Screening Certification Form– identifies the dates, locations, times and instructions for the interviews
3. Proposed interview questions, employment tests and descriptions of any demonstrations

Interviews

Interviews may also be viewed by the courts as employment tests. The Human Resources Department will review all interview questions and related screening activities for reliability and validity, as well as conformity to EEO guidelines. Interviews will normally be scheduled no earlier than five (5) working days following the receipt of the screening materials in the Human Resources Department. It is the responsibility of the Human Resources Department to contact applicants and set up interview times.

Sufficient time should be provided to allow a proper assessment of the candidate's qualifications (a minimum of a 30-minute time period should be allocated for each candidate). The interview packet will be transmitted electronically to the chair.

Interview questions must be job related and should be tests of a candidate's knowledge and abilities, as well as being reflective of minimum, required and preferred qualifications. During the actual interviews by the screening committee, the same questions shall be asked of all candidates. Follow-up questions are discouraged, but may be asked if a response is unclear or the candidate obviously misunderstood the

questions. Consistency across candidates is of utmost importance in defending the screening process.

During the interview session, those selected may, in addition to the above, be evaluated on the following factors.

1. Oral communication skills
2. Presentation
3. Problem solving skills
4. Successful problem solving or performance demonstration
5. Writing skills/demonstration

Writing Samples:

Requiring a writing sample can be an effective means of evaluating writing ability and can be accomplished in one of three ways:

1. Requesting a writing sample as part of the original application requirements.
2. Requesting a written report or hypothetical problem solving situation be prepared and brought to the interview.
3. By incorporating a written exercise as part of the interview process, e.g., immediately preceding or following the oral questions.

Presentations

Presentations can be an important evaluation technique for the screening committee. Screening committees are encouraged to require presentations of applicants. Presentations would reflect typical working situations the candidate would encounter in the job for which they are applying.

Paper and Pencil Tests

Paper and pencil tests must have both reliability and validity, as well as job-relatedness.