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## Vacancy Announcement

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**Position:** Assistant Computer Systems Administrator (ACSA)

**Location:** Santa Ana, CA

**Deadline:** March 22, 2026

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The Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Computer Systems Administrator (ACSA) position in its Information Technology (IT) Department, stationed in Santa Ana, California with part time support of our Branch Office in Riverside. The IT Department supports over two hundred users across three offices. The Federal Public Defender's Office is committed to the pursuit of justice by aggressively advocating in federal court for the constitutional rights and inherent dignity of individuals who are charged with federal crimes and cannot afford their own lawyer.

**Job Duties:** ACSAs focus on end-user help desk support for software and hardware issues and configuring new laptops and desktops. Other areas of responsibility may include: monitoring, tracing and analyzing all system and processing failures; assisting with maintaining the network and workstations, including inventory, security and critical patches and firmware updates; and assisting with maintaining storage area networks (SAN), virtualization infrastructure, backup infrastructure, and application server infrastructure.

**Requirements:** All applicants must have an undergraduate degree in computer science or related field. Applicants must have two years of hands-on experience working in a help desk function providing support to end users and configuring desktops and laptops for deployment in a network environment. Applicants should have a fundamental understanding of how to work within a large office network and be able to support, configure and manage end user desktops and application suites via modern deployment methods like Manage Engine or InTune. Applicants possessing familiarity with Microsoft Server, Linux, Active Directory, Group Policy, VMWare vCenter/ESXi and Microsoft HyperV are a plus.

Varying hours including nights, weekends, and holidays may be required. A background investigation is required as a condition of employment. In line with current appropriations law, applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents seeking citizenship as described [here](#).

**Selection Criteria:** Candidates must have a demonstrated commitment to the field of information technology; keep up with emerging IT trends; have excellent customer service skills; have strong oral and written communication skills; be able to work independently, be flexible, and take initiative; and work well in teams.

**Salary/Benefits:** This is a full-time, at-will position. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience and is subject to direct deposit. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and a Thrift Savings Plan. After successful completion of a probationary period, eligible employees may elect to telework up to two days per week, subject to certain conditions. For more information on benefits, see <http://www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits>.

**How to Apply:** Apply by submitting a letter of interest, résumé, and three references through our website at <https://fpdcdca.org/careers/current-openings/>. We will accept applications until March 22, 2026, or until filled. Interviews will occur on a rolling basis and the open position may be filled before that date. Priority will be given to early applicants. The Federal Public Defender's Office may fill current and future positions from this vacancy announcement. Please, no phone calls.

*The Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace. All applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or age, are encouraged to apply.*