WBGZ, Alton, IL

Annual EEO Public File Report

The information contained in the Report covers the time period beginning July 25, 2019 through July 14, 2020 (the "Applicable Period").

- 1. WBGZ had three full-time vacancies during the Applicable Period:
 - a. FT Account Executive
 - b. FT Account Executive
 - c. FT Account Executive
- 2. The following recruitment sources were utilized in hiring the 3 FT Account Executives

Alton Branch NAACP, 731 Silver, Alton, IL 62002 618-465-1621, Andy Hightower, President

American Association of University Women, 25 Holly Hill, Alton, IL 62002 618-692-0231, Sharon Jenkins, President

Challenge Unlimited, Inc., 4 Emmie Kaus Lane, Alton, IL 62002 618-465-0044, Tom Moehn, President/CEO

Impact, Inc., 2735 E. Broadway, Alton, IL 62002 618-462-1411, Cathy Contarino, Executive Director

Madison County Urban League, 408 E. Broadway, Alton, IL 62002 618-463-1906, Brenda McCain, Executive Director

Madison Co. Employment and Training, 101 Edwardsville, Rd., Wood River, IL 62095 618-692-8942, David Stoecklin, Director

Lewis and Clark Community College – Radio Broadcasting Program 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035 618-466-7000, Mike Lemons, Director

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Department of Mass Communications Edwardsville, IL 62026 618-650-2230, Gary Hicks, Chairman

WBGZ Radio website: <u>www.altondailynews.com</u>

Indeed.com

On-air announcements on WBGZ, 1570 AM, 94.3 FM, 107.1 FM

3. Hiree (a) was referred by on-air announcements

Hiree (b) was referred by Indeed.com

Hiree (c) was referred by on-air announcements

4. 11 candidates were interviewed for the openings a through c. Interviewees were referred as follows:

7 from indeed.com

4 from WBGZ, 1570 AM on-air announcements

- 5. Initiatives undertaken pursuant to Section 73.2080 (c)(2) of the FCC rules:
 - A. WBGZ co-sponsored and WBGZ Vice-President, Nick Darr served on the steering committee for the Alton Branch of the NAACP's "Back to School, Stay in School, program on August 10, 2019.
 - B. WBGZ Vice-President Nick Darr served on the Lewis and Clark Community College Radio Broadcasting Advisory Committee.
 - C. WBGZ was a donor to the Lewis and Clark Community College "Collage Auction" on November 9, 2019, with proceeds earmarked for scholarships for students participating in the Radio Broadcasting Program.
 - D. WBGZ News Director Mark Ellebracht served throughout the applicable period on a committee of the school board at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, IL.
 - E. WBGZ participated from September 2019 through June 2020 in the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club's students of the month program, honoring and promoting post-secondary education among high school students at Alton Senior High School, Mississippi Valley Christian School, Marquette Catholic High School and awarding a scholarship in June 2020.
 - F. WBGZ assisted four area students with preparation of recorded speeches as entries in the V.F.W's Voice of Democracy contest on October 27, 2019.
 - G. WBGZ hosted students from local Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools week in January of 2020.
 - H. WBGZ partnered with State Farm to administer the Big Z Scholar Athlete of the Year Award. Culminating with a program where Scholar athlete of the Year Award in May of 2020 candidates were honored and \$1000 scholarship was awarded.
 - WBGZ News Director Mark Ellebracht hosted students from the Marquette Catholic High School media broadcasting program on a weekly basis from September 2019-December 2019, coaching them on broadcasting and production.
 - J. WBGZ hosted one intern from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville providing educational opportunities and hands-on learning.

In addition to the activities enumerated above, WBGZ also hosts numerous (approximately one per month on average) studio tours for youth and scout groups. The tours always include a segment on educational activities which will prepare one for a career in broadcasting.