# Hardware Engineer: Associate Principal Hardware Engineer

Conducts research, design, development, and testing of digital processing hardware such as computer chips (ASIC, CPLD, FPGA), circuit boards, computer systems, and electrical components. Designs new or modifies existing products, develops technical specifications for production, analyzes hardware configuration and processing solutions, and tests hardware conformance to specifications.

#### Discretion/Latitude

Work is performed without appreciable direction. Exercises considerable latitude in determining technical objectives of assignment. Completed work is reviewed from a relatively long- term perspective, for desired results.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Applies extensive technical expertise, and has full knowledge of other related disciplines. Answer technical questions regarding products and services, and may take part in putting together proposals, configurations, and product offerings.

### **Problem Solving**

Develops technical solutions to complex problems that require the regular use of ingenuity and creativity.

#### **Impact**

Regularly called upon to function in a project leadership role. Erroneous decisions or recommendations would typically result in failure to achieve major organization objectives.

#### Liaison

Represents the organization as the prime technical contact on contracts and projects. Interacts with senior external personnel on significant technical matters often requiring coordination between organizations.

# **Minimum Education and Experience**

10-12+ years with BS in designated Engineering or related field. Employees usually have advanced degree in field of specialization.