



# Water Operator

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Spencer Municipal Utilities ("SMU") is a secure, well-financed municipally owned utility provider that has proudly met the electric and water needs of local Spencer, Iowa residents since 1942. Telecommunication service offerings were added to the service mix in 1997, and today SMU provides the residential and business community with a full range of voice, video, and data services.

SMU is actively seeking applicants for a full-time Water Operator. Reporting directly to the Water Manager, this position has complete responsibility for assisting the water utility operations in maintaining water treatment, processing, and testing equipment in a water treatment facility to treat water to meet permit and operational requirements. Perform routine and preventative operations and maintenance related items as assigned. Position requires a good relationship with the public and responds to customer questions and concerns regarding operational issues. Candidates must be able to plan and execute water main or treatment plant projects; basic water laboratory experience; safety training (confined space, respirators, fall protection, trenching and shoring, etc.) and good mechanical aptitude skills.

## Our Requirements:

- High School Diploma or GED, or equivalent,
- Strong preference for candidates with:
  - One (1) to Two (2) years of technical or vocational training in water/environmental technology post high school.
  - Previous experience working in a water treatment plant along with water systems operations.
  - Underground water main and service excavation experience.
- Prefer candidates who currently possess Grade II water treatment and Grade II distribution certification as required by Iowa DNR.
- A strong set of communications and interpersonal skills that are equally effective with staff, management, and the Board of Trustees.
- Intermediate experience with Microsoft Office products including Word, Outlook, Excel, Teams, PowerPoint, Access, and SharePoint is desired.
- Required to possess and maintain a valid Class "A" Commercial Driver's License (CDL) combination with air brakes and meet SMU insurability requirements within 18 months of hire or sooner.
- Residency requirement to reside within a 30-minute response time to the office.
- Position requires on-call responsibilities including an on-call rotation schedule with department employees.

## What this Position Offers You:

- A great career opportunity in an organization that believes in providing superior customer service.
- A lifestyle that offers great amenities and a terrific family environment, in a very desirable Iowa community.
- The opportunity to work in a progressive community minded utility.

To apply candidates must complete an SMU application. Applications can be found on our website at [www.smunet.net](http://www.smunet.net) (click on careers in the 'About SMU' tab). Applicants will have the opportunity to upload their cover letter, resume and salary requirements if desired. Please keep in mind that the submission of a resume in lieu of work history on your application or answering the supplemental questions is not sufficient.

SMU is an equal opportunity employer, offers a comprehensive wage and benefit package that includes health/dental/vision/short-long term disability/group life insurance, IPERS, 457(b) retirement plan, employee assistance plan along with paid time off for vacations and holidays. Successful completion of a pre-employment background check, physical examination (if applicable) and a post offer drug screen are required prior to employment with SMU.

Applications accepted through 6/7/2025. This recruitment will be open until filled.