GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

BACKGROUND
The Government Accountability Project is the world’s leading international whistleblower protection and advocacy organization. The organization was created in 1977 at the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) in response to several whistleblowers, such as Daniel Ellsberg, who came to IPS about White House, FBI and Pentagon scandals. Since that time, Government Accountability Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, has served as a lifeline to employees of conscience and has helped them release critical information that serves the public interest and the common good. A non-partisan public-interest organization, we litigate whistleblower cases, help expose wrongdoing to the public, and actively promote government and corporate accountability. Since its founding, Government Accountability Project has helped over 8,000 whistleblowers, defending them in the court of law and the court of public opinion, while crafting and refining whistleblower protection laws through legislative channels at home and abroad.

Since its inception, Government Accountability Project’s advocacy efforts have shaped both public interest and legislative agendas, and created opportunities for lawmakers to strengthen and clarify the free-speech rights of courageous employees across a broad spectrum of industries.

IDEAL CANDIDATE
A high achiever with a penchant for storytelling, outstanding writing and editing skills, and a proven track record in digital and social media. One of the main responsibilities of the Communications Officer will be to produce content for our website and buildout our digital assets. This will include writing blog posts, emails to supporters, press releases and statements on breaking news, and also populating and building our social media channels with timely content. Applicants should be self-starters who are able to identify potential news hooks and write content without prompting from a supervisor.

RESPONSIBILITIES
- Draft and edit op-eds, letters to the editor, press releases, blogs, and other writing materials.
- Manage all social media accounts and create daily content to post.
- Report to and work with the Director and Deputy Director to create strategic media plans.
- Assist with the coordination of workflow for junior associates.
- Develop and maintain contacts with high-profile journalists and producers.
- Stay abreast of the news cycle and pitch content to journalists.
- Record and edit short videos for digital distribution.
- Research and track prominent journalists and update and maintain Government Accountability Project’s communications databases.

QUALIFICATIONS
- Bachelor’s degree in journalism, communications, or a related field.
- Minimum of two to three years of experience in communications, journalism, public relations, media relations and/or related field.
- Excellent copyediting skills.
• Ability to write engaging website copy, press releases, op-eds, talking points, and other media materials.
• Demonstrable experience managing social media accounts.
• Team player, excellent interpersonal skills, and a creative thinker who can assist with managing the workflow of junior staffers.
• Experience with Adobe Creative suite and video editing software – a major plus.
• Demonstrated ability to complete specific project activities on time and work on a number of projects simultaneously to meet tight deadlines.
• Familiarity with email marketing, PR database software, and WordPress preferred.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Government Accountability Project is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an equitable, inclusive culture. Government Accountability Project encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, or marital, citizenship, disability, or veteran status. Please submit a cover letter and resume by April 8, 2022 with the subject line “Communications Officer” to info@whistleblower.org.

SALARY/BENEFITS
Competitive salary and excellent benefits in a role with potential for upward mobility.