

**U.S. Embassy Kabul  
Human Resources Office**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST (FSN-10)**

Announcement Number: 13-191 & 13-191T

**OPEN TO:** All interested candidates (Women are encouraged to apply)

**POSITION:** Agriculture Specialist FSN-10  
**Trainee Level (FSN-9)**

**OPENING DATE:** October 21, 2013

**CLOSING DATE:** November 3, 2013

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time, 40 hours/week

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**NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul is seeking individuals for the position of Agriculture Specialist with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

The incumbent serves as an expert advisor to the Agricultural Minister Counselor in Afghanistan or in the absence to the Senior Agricultural Officer; assist in developing the agricultural country plan, where agricultural production, supply, distribution and trade are of exceptional importance to the United States; recommends solutions to the agricultural policy, technical assistance and trade issues that are of interest to the United States and Afghanistan; assists the Minister Counselor and/or other agricultural officers in discussions and negotiations with the Afghan Government (GIROA) officials.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

**VA 13-191 Full Performance Level:**

**Education:** University degree in agriculture field is required.

**Experience:** Three years progressively responsible experience in market and policy analysis and reporting is required.

**VA 13-191T Trainee Level:**

**Education:** University degree in agriculture field is required.

**Experience:** Two years progressively responsible experience in market and policy analysis and reporting is required.

**Language:** Level IV (fluent) speaking/reading in English, Dari and Pashtu languages is required.

**Knowledge:** The incumbent must have a thorough understanding of Afghanistan's food and/or agriculture sector and the factors that affect production, supply and demand; must be familiar with the economic tools and methods used to estimate current and forecast future crop, and livestock supply and demand levels.

**Abilities and Skills:** The incumbent must be able to develop and maintain an extensive range of high and mid-level contacts in government, industry, and academia; able to organize and critically analyze a broad range of information from many sources to synthesize information and intelligence on agricultural products; able to plan, organize and execute complex research projects to prepare precise and accurate analytical reports; interpret and inter-relate developments in agricultural production, policy, marketing and demand; and render advice with detachment and objectivity, employing sound professional reasoning and judgment.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff (DS-174). Candidates may also send a current resumé or curriculum vitae in addition to the Form DS-174, but in all cases, the DS-174 must be submitted in order for the candidate to receive consideration for this vacancy. The DS-174 form is available on the U.S. Embassy website <http://kabul.usembassy.gov>
2. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
3. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification Requirements of the position as listed above.

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

Human Resources Office, U.S. Embassy Kabul

**Applications should be submitted through e-mail to this address: [kabuljobs@state.gov](mailto:kabuljobs@state.gov)**

**Subject line must be: (Agriculture Specialist VA 13-191) or (Agriculture Specialist VA 13-191T) or your application may not be considered.**

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: (November 3, 2013)**

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

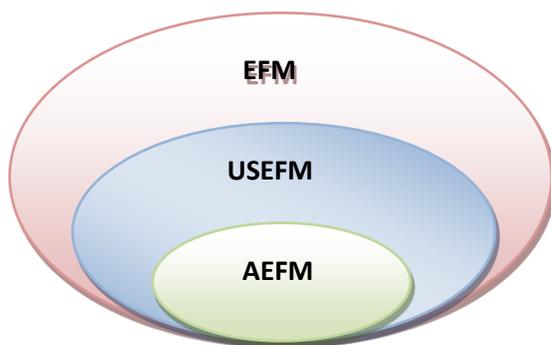
1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current Employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. In-house interested candidates of this position should submit their applications through their American or FSN supervisor.
4. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary rating of needs improvements or unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
5. Currently Employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

6. Currently employed NORs hired under a personal Service Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their work schedule.

The U.S. Mission in (Kabul) provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix A  
DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S. - Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610);
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and

- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, and other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

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