

U.S. EMBASSY  
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS  
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



**No.002/13N**

**DATE:** January 14, 2013

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates

**FROM:** Traci Cassilly, Human Resources Officer

**POSITION:** **Political Specialist, Political/Economic Section, FSN-10;FP-5**

**OPENING DATE:** January 14, 2013

**CLOSING DATE:** January 28, 2013

**WORK HOURS:** Full Time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** \* Ordinarily Resident:  
(Position Grade: FSN-10/1 (BDS\$110,825.00) p.a.; (Starting Salary)  
\*Not-Ordinarily Resident:  
(Position Grade: (FP-05/5) US\$56,323.00 p.a.; (Starting Salary)

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

The U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown is seeking an individual for the

position of Political Specialist, in the Political/Economic Office.

**Basic Function of Position:**

Assists and advises Embassy personnel on Barbados and Eastern Caribbean society, politics, economics, culture, constitutions and laws. Assists and advises on various Barbados and Eastern Caribbean institutions and organizations, obtaining needed information from a wide variety of sources, including mid and senior-level contacts. Serve as team leader with supervisory responsibility over other section Locally Employed Staff.

**Qualifications Required:**

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact (Human Resources Office, Telephone number 227-4342).

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

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

1. University degree (College degree in law, political science, or history) is required.
2. At least five years' experience in field requiring knowledge and analysis of current events, Barbados or Eastern Caribbean politics, and/or law are required.
3. Fluency in English, Level IV, as well as a high level of familiarity with legal vocabulary is required.
4. Requires detailed knowledge of Barbados and Eastern Caribbean, law, government structure and functions, and Barbados/EC institutions is required. Professional contacts within these organizations are required. Understanding of Barbados and Eastern Caribbean government politics and policy, the legal system and individual country constitutions.
5. The ability to interpret, analyze and report important information to U.S. colleagues as well as the ability to work as

part of the Political/Economic team.

SELECTION PROCESS:

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (EFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

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. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. 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.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

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 or Family Member (Form DS-174);
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 EITHER:

[BridgetownHR@state.gov](mailto:BridgetownHR@state.gov)

OR:

Mailing address:

Human Resources Office  
U.S. Embassy  
Willey Business Park  
St. Michael BB14006  
Telephone: (227-4342)  
Fax: (227-4048)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF  
BUSINESS**

**January 28, 2013**

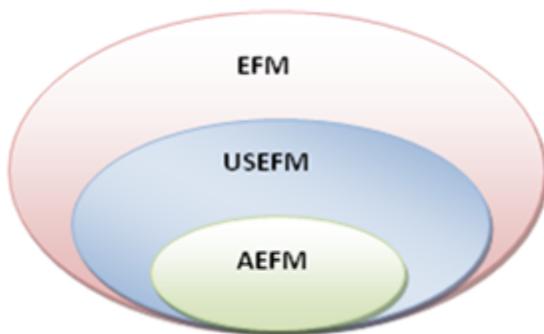
*The US Mission in Bridgetown provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability,*

*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, 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.

**5. 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.

**6. 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).

## **Appendix B**

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

**Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.**

K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type  
L. Days available to work  
M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, &

Agency, Position, Location)            N. U.S. Eligible Family  
Member and Veterans Hiring Preference            O. Education  
P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, &  
Recognition            Q. Language Skills            R. Work  
Experience            S. References