



**UNITED STATE EMBASSY, COTONOU**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 033/15**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates/All sources

**POSITION:** Plumber - FSN-4; FP-AA

**OPENING DATE:** September 04, 2015

**CLOSING DATE:** September 17, 2015

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

**\*SALARY:** AEFM/USEFM/NOR EFM/NOR MOH/NOR:  
FP-AA \$25,011 to \$28,150 \*

OR/OR MOH, FSN-4:  
CFA 3,852,415 to CFA 6,701,961 \*

**NOTE: ALL QUALIFIED ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN COUNTRY AND ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR A BENINESE WORK PERMIT.**

The U.S. Embassy in Cotonou is seeking an individual for the position of **Plumber** in the Embassy Facility Maintenance Section.

Applicants *must* submit a cover letter, a completed DS-174 (resume is not accepted) in one single document. Required certificates should be attached as well as residency documents for third-country nationals. Applications without the required documents and those submitted in several attachments will not be considered.

\* Final step to be determined by employee's qualifications.

## **BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

Under the supervision of the Residential Maintenance Technician Foreman, and the indirect supervision of the Engineer/Maintenance Supervisor, performs skilled plumbing work on all U.S. Government residence facilities.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact: 229 21 30 06 50, Ext. 7898/7842.

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants are instructed to address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each criteria.**

- a) **Education:** Completion of primary school is required. Completion of vocational school, or apprenticeship recognized as producing journeyman plumbing skills, or equivalent experience.
- b) **Prior Work Experience:** One year of journeyman level experience in the plumbing field.
- c) **Language Proficiency:**  
Level III French (Good Working Knowledge) speaking, reading and writing.  
Level II English (Limited Knowledge) speaking, reading and writing.

**English proficiency will be tested.**

- d) **Knowledge:** Must possess extensive knowledge of plumbing systems, how to troubleshoot problems, repair systems, and install new systems. Must have an understanding of established trade practices and local procedures in the plumbing trade.
- e) **Skills and Abilities:** Must be able to lift up to 20 kilograms. Must be able to operate various power tools and know how to use standard plumbing tools.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, both 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.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and the 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 U.S. 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.
6. Priority consideration will be given to RIFed U.S. Mission to Benin former LE Staff for a period of twenty-four (24) months after the date of separation. Such an applicant must qualify for the announced vacancy and must present an evaluation record for the past five years that demonstrates consistent effectiveness as an employee.

## **TO APPLY**

**Interested candidates for this position must submit the following or HR cannot consider the application:**

- A. Cover letter.
- B. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as Locally Employed Staff or a Family Member **(DS-174) Form**  
[http://photos.state.gov/libraries/benin/19452/pdfs/DS174\\_APPLICATION\\_FOR\\_EMPLOYMENT\\_FORM.doc](http://photos.state.gov/libraries/benin/19452/pdfs/DS174_APPLICATION_FOR_EMPLOYMENT_FORM.doc); plus
- C. 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.  
  
**This preference can only be applied for hire once per agency at the same post.**
- D. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**

Application packages containing all the information listed in items “A” through “D” above can be scanned into pdf format and sent as a single file to the following E-mail address. Files should not exceed 10 MB or they may be rejected by the embassy’s server.

**Paper applications mailed to the embassy will be accepted for this vacancy announcement.**

## SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

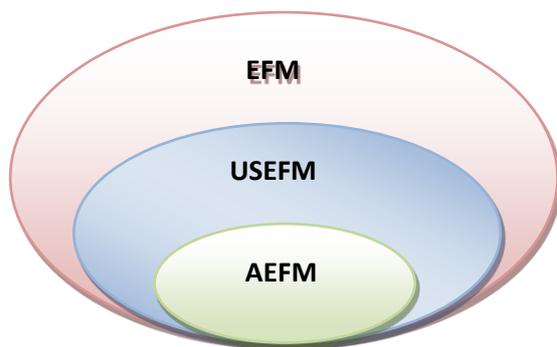
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**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: September 17, 2015 at 17:30**

The U.S. Mission in Cotonou 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.

## 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:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad 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, and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad,
- 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. 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).