UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Management Notice No. 11-038
August 4, 2011

TO: ALL POST PERSONNEL

FROM: MGMT, PATTI HOFFMAN

SUBJECT: VACANCY – COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT

To:	**All Staff**
From:	**MGT/Patti Hoffman**
Subject:	**Vacancy – Commercial Assistant**
OPEN TO:	**All Interested Parties, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs), Eligible Family Members (EFMs), and Members of Household (MOH) – All Agencies**
POSITION:	**Commercial Assistant: a) Trainee Level -** FSN-7(T*)/FP-7(T**) - **b) Full Performance Level** - FSN-8/FP-6
OPENING DATE:	Thursday, August 4, 2011
CLOSING DATE:	Thursday, August 18, 2011
WORK HOURS:	*Full-time; 40 hours/week*
SALARY:	**Ordinarily Resident (OR):* ***R$44.316 p/a (FSN-7 (T) Trainee Level Starting salary); R$58.946 (FSN-8 Full Performance Level Starting salary)***
	Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR):* ***$39,994 USD p.a. (FP-7(T) Trainee Level Starting salary); US$44,737 (FP-6 Full Performance Level Starting salary)

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

NOTE: Vacancy Announcement # 11-037 is being RETRIEVED and is replaced by this Vacancy Announcement. The Position is being advertised at the Trainee Level and at the Full Performance Level.

Observation: TRAINING: If hired at the Trainee level, the selected candidate will be required to meet the full performance level grade at the end of the probationary year.

The U.S. Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro is seeking an individual for the position of **Commercial Assistant** in the Foreign Commercial Service office.

NOTE: THIS RECRUITMENT PROCESS MAY FILL ONE OR MORE COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT POSITIONS. THIS WILL BE DETERMINED LATER DURING THE PROCESS.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Under the direct supervision of the Principal Commercial Officer (PCO) in Rio de Janeiro, the incumbent of this position serves as the team member of assigned industry sectors.

As a team member for assigned sectors, incumbent provides expert level support on complex issues to U.S. commercial programs including reports on market developments, business counseling, and the CS core export services (Gold Key, CMR, IPS, ICP and others).

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact: 21 3823-2608 or 21 3823-2612

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

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

1. **EDUCATION**: A minimum of two-years of college or university studies in Economics, Marketing, International Relations, Foreign Trade or Business Administration/Management is required.

2. **EXPERIENCE**: Progressively responsible experience in commercial analysis, trade promotion, economics or market research is required.

3. **LANGUAGE**: Level IV (fluent) written and spoken Portuguese and English, is required. **THESE WILL BE TESTED.**

4. **KNOWLEDGE**: Strong knowledge of Brazil's economic and trading practices including a good overall comprehension of foreign trade policy and issues, particularly those that

affect U.S. Brazil bilateral trade relations. Knowledge of USG trade policies and export programs

5. **SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Ability to develop and maintain mid and senior level trade contacts with local government and business community in assigned industry sectors. Ability to plan, organize and execute complex commercial research projects, trade events and to prepare precise, accurate and analytical reports. Typing Level I (15-29 wpm). User's ability of Microsoft Office, Outlook and Internet. **TYPING WILL BE TESTED.**

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U. S. 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, continuity 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 (DS 174); **or**

2. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **or**

3. A current resume or curriculum vitae **IN ENGLISH** that provides the same information found on the UAE (*see section 3A below for more information*). We will not/not accept any applications that are not submitted in English; **plus**

4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional US Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.

5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

3A. 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

A. Position Title
B. Position Grade
C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
D. Dates Available for Work
E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
F. Date and Place of Birth
G. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
H. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
I. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
J. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
K. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
L. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
M. Days available to work
N. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
O. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
P. Education
Q. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
R. Language Skills
S. Work Experience
T. References

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO
Email: **Mgtusghr3@yahoo.com** - with vacancy title

POINT OF CONTACT
Human Resources Office
Ana-Maria Miranda
Av. Pres. Wilson, 147 – Castelo, Rio de Janeiro, RJ 20-030-020
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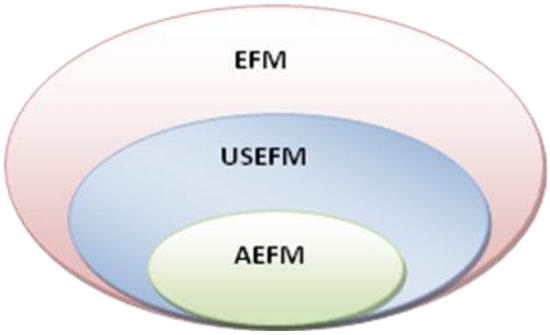
DEFINITIONS



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

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a US 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. **US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- US 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 US 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 US 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 US 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 US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: August 18, 2011

The US Mission in Brazil 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.