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Location: TORONTO, CANADA

ECONOMIC/POLITICAL SPECIALIST
VACANCY NUMBER: 11-20

Thursday, April 07, 2011
This Vacancy is **Open**

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Economic/Political Specialist **Grade:** FSN-10
*FP-5

OPENING DATE: Thursday, April 07, 2011

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2011

WORK HOURS: Full time; 40 hours per week

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident: FSN-10 CDN \$62,213 p.a.
*Not-Ordinarily Resident: FP-5

LENGTH OF HIRE: PSA/FMA

NOTE: ONLY CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED.

ALL ORDINARILY-RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP OR HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCE PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Consulate in TORONTO is seeking an individual for employment in CANADA for the position of Economic/Political Specialist in the Political/Economic Office.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent is responsible for information gathering, making and maintaining contacts, and reporting on economic and political issues. The incumbent reports to the Pol/Econ Chief and is responsible for general support of the Consul General, Pol/Econ Chief and the Pol/Econ ELO on a daily basis as well as during special events/visits. Other duties include trade facilitation in cooperation with Commercial Service Officer and staff.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each of the six required qualifications detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Interested candidates for this position MUST submit a Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member

(DS-174) UAE. The form is available online at <http://ottawa.usembassy.gov/>

Additionally, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Citizen Veterans are preference candidates and should identify themselves accordingly on the cover letter AND in the SUBJECT line when submitting electronically.

PLEASE NOTE: In the SUBJECT line of the online submission, please indicate your preference status i.e. USEFM, US Veteran, Permanent Resident, Dual Citizen, and/or Canadian Citizen.

In a situation where additional announcements are published to advertise this position, the job function, required qualifications, and other terms and definitions contained in this official, approved Embassy advertisement shall be used as the controlling document for purposes of screening and selecting qualified candidates.

- 1. Education:** Possession of an undergraduate degree in Political Science, International Relations, History, International Law or other related fields is required. Please submit a copy of the required educational credentials with your application.
- 2. Experience:** Minimum six years progressively responsible experience in political research and analysis, newspaper reporting of political developments, university teaching or related field is required.
- 3. Language:** Level IV (fluent) speaking/reading/writing English is required.
- 4. Knowledge:** Incumbent must possess superior working knowledge of federal, provincial and municipal (Greater Toronto) political, economic and social issues; an advanced understanding of U.S.-Canada relations; and broad U.S. foreign policy objectives.
- 5. Skills and Abilities:** Incumbent must possess strong analytical skills to interpret significant economic and political developments relating to U.S. interests; the ability to work on several projects simultaneously; the ability to meet fast turn-around deadlines; well-developed research skills and must be proficient in Microsoft products.
- 6. Interpersonal Skills:** Incumbent must have excellent interpersonal, communication and networking skills.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs), 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 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. Candidates must be able to obtain and hold a security clearance for this position and pass a medical examination.

7. Testing may be conducted to ensure eligibility levels for specified skills and abilities are met. Overall score ranges for testing through the PreVisor online program are provided under "Definitions".

TO APPLY

In the SUBJECT line of the online submission, please indicate the job announcement number and title.

All applicants must submit a cover letter addressing each of the six required qualifications detailed in the job announcement by identifying them and addressing how the applicant meets each of the qualifications. Please state the Job Announcement number and Job Title in the 'SUBJECT' line of your electronic (e-mail) your submission.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Citizen Veterans are preference candidates and should identify themselves accordingly on the cover letter and in the 'SUBJECT' line of your electronic submission to expedite the screening process.

Interested applicants for this position **MUST** submit the following:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174). The form is available online at:
http://ottawa.usembassy.gov/content/content.asp?section=embconsul&document=hr_employment_cdn

PLEASE NOTE: RESUMES ALONE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL JOB APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED ON THE UAE (DS-174)

2. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 (Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States.) This form must accompany their application.

3. Any other documentation (e.g., education verification (copy of degree), essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

4. SF-50 Personnel Actions which reflect employment status and Highest Previous Rate (HPR) of salary must be provided by U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs).

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Management Office/HR
U.S. Consulate

360 University Ave.
Toronto Ontario M5G 1S4

E-Mail Address: TrtHR@state.gov
Please reference Job Announcement number.

POINT OF CONTACT: Management Office/HR
Phone: (416) 595-1700

DEFINITIONS

I. 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 below) at least 18 years of age; 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 FAM3232.2.

II. 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, step-children 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 step-parents 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 step-sisters and step-brothers, 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.

III. 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.

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

IV. 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 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.

V. 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 Package (LCP).

Test Information:

* Proficiency Level Descriptions - PreVisor Talent Measurement Test Score Results
The proficiency levels describe in very general terms what typical examinees know and their capabilities in an applied setting. Score ranges for proficiency levels of skills and abilities as tested through the PreVisor online program are as follows:

NOVICE: 1.00 - 1.50: Demonstrates an understanding of only the most basic concepts contained within this topic. Individual will most likely require formal training or self-study before receiving any assignments in this area.

BASIC: 1.51 - 2.50: Demonstrates an understanding of the fundamental concepts involved with this topic. Knowledge level appears equivalent to that gained through introductory courses. May require supplemental training and close supervision to develop a working knowledge level to be able to perform assignments independently.

PROFICIENT: 2.51 - 3.50: Demonstrates a solid understanding of core concepts within this topic. Appears capable of working on most projects in this area with moderate assistance. May require some initial assistance with advanced concepts.

ADVANCED: 3.51 - 4.50: Demonstrates a clear understanding of many advanced concepts within this topic. Appears capable of mentoring others on most projects in this area.

EXPERT: 4.51 - 5.00: Demonstrates understanding of most advanced concepts within the subject area. Appears capable of mentoring others on the most complex subjects.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

The U.S. Mission in Canada 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.

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