



American Embassy, Manama ♦ Human Resources Office

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
POL/ECON ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Announcement Number: 11-09

OPEN TO: U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs), Appointment Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) & U.S. Members of Household (MOHs) - All Agencies

POSITION: **POL/ECON Administrative Assistant** (Position Number 97009044)
(This is a sensitive position requiring a Top Secret security clearance)

OPENING DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 -or- Until Filled

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: *Based on a full-time, 40-hour work week*
Position Grade **FP-07**
– For AEFMs*: \$ 39,994 per annum
– For persons Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR*) in Bahrain: \$ 34,324 per annum
All FP position grades will be confirmed by Washington. Budget constraints do not allow post to honor highest previous rate (HPR) requests; hiring offers will be made at the step 1 level.

The American Embassy in Manama is seeking a candidate for employment as a POL/ECON Administrative Assistant in the Political/Economic Section (POL/ECON).

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

The position serves as the Secretary for the Political/Economic Section. The incumbent assists the Section Chief (supervisor) and five other POL/ECON Officers. Relieves Front Office OMS's as requested. As directed, duties may include typing of reports, letters, telegrams; drafting routine correspondence; preparing briefing books for the Ambassador and visiting delegations; preparing talking points, diplomatic notes and demarches from telegrams; answering and screening telephone calls; taking accurate messages; meeting and escorting visitors; sorting and distributing incoming mail; maintaining files in accordance with the section's filing system; scheduling and taking notes at meetings; and performing other administrative support functions as directed.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available from the Embassy's Human Resources Office, extension x2937.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Note: Items 1-5 are ALL REQUIRED. All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item

- 1. Education:** Completion of secondary (high) school is required.
- 2. Experience:** At least two years of relevant, full-time experience in an office environment is required.
- 3. Language:** Level 4 (fluent) spoken/written English is required.
- 4. Knowledge:** Knowledge of general office management and practices is required. Computer savvy and intermediate knowledge of a variety of computer software programs to include Microsoft Outlook and Word is required. Good knowledge of English grammar and spelling is required. Ability to prioritize and organize tasks to accomplish workload is required. Organizational knowledge sufficient to understand mission sections and functions is required.

5. Abilities & Skills: Strong interpersonal skills to develop cooperative working relationships with others is required. Must be able to type with speed and accuracy. Ability to work independently and deal calmly and effectively in stressful situations is required. Flexibility, dependability and attention to details is required.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs*) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate addresses the required qualifications above in the application. A USEFM does not have to be residing in Bahrain to be considered, but the sponsoring officer must be officially assigned to post.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
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. Current “not ordinarily resident employees” 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. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a Top Secret security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Applicants who claim EFM or MOH* status must include in the cover letter accompanying their application that they are claiming EFM/MOH status, their present nationality and name and employing section/agency of their sponsoring family member.
2. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE; **or**
4. 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; **plus**
5. 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;
6. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above;
7. List any family members who are currently employed at the Embassy. Any omission in this area, either intentional or accidental, may be grounds for dismissal.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office

Attention: Vacancy Announcement #11-09

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*** DEFINITIONS**

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).

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 General Service (GS) or Foreign Schedule (FS) salary schedule, not under the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

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,
- Spouse or domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee, or a child of the sponsoring employee who is an unmarried child at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., 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 (2) resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

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/ domestic partner 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/ domestic partner, 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/ domestic partner, 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.

Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad at a U.S. Foreign Service post/ mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan, and who is under chief of mission authority. 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 eligible family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

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.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 08, 2011 -or- Until Filled

The American Embassy in Manama, Bahrain provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regards 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 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.

Approved: MGT: RDailey; Cleared:RHRO: VSmith