Visa Assistant **04/22/2013**
Immigrant Visa Unit (IV)
Full Performance Level
Non-Sensitive **N31-1415-018**

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POSITION: **Visa Assistant (Immigrant Visa Unit)**
(This position is open at the Full Performance and Training Level. This Vacancy Announcement is for Full Performance Level.)

OPENING DATE: **April 22, 2013**

CLOSING DATE: **May 6, 2013**
(Only applications received by the closing date will be considered)

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

GRADE: **Ordinarily Resident:**
- **FSN-07 RMB 109,140 p.a.**

(starting salary includes allowance and bonus)

Not-Ordinarily Resident:
- **FP-07 USD 39,994 p.a.**

(starting salary, final grade will be determined by Washington)

LOCATION: **The incumbent may be assigned to work at the Consulate or one of the Consulate's off-compound facilities in Guangzhou.**

The U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou is seeking an individual for the position of **Visa Assistant** with the **Immigrant Visa Unit (IV).**

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

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A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Office of Human Resources.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Applicants who fail to do so, or who do not meet the position's required qualifications, will not be considered for this position.

Education:

- High school graduate is required.

Experience:

- Two (2) years of progressive work experience involving application of relatively complex regulatory material with frequent public contact is required.

Language:

- Level IV (Fluent) speaking/reading/writing English is required.
- Level IV (Fluent) speaking/reading/writing Chinese Mandarin and Cantonese or another Chinese dialect is required.

Knowledge:

- Extensive knowledge of routine office/internal operating procedures is required; familiarity with fraud patterns indigenous to China is required.

Abilities and skills:

- Excellent organizational, management and interpersonal skills are required.
- Ability to multitask efficiently with a high degree of accuracy in very demanding work environment is required; must exercise good judgment and tact in dealing with the public, government entities, and Consulate staff; must use Microsoft office software, database and/or spreadsheet applications.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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- Ordinarily Resident applicants or applicants without a U.S. social security number will be paid according to the Local Compensation Plan in local currency (RMB). There are no exceptions to this regulation.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position should submit the following:

1. Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member DS-0174; **or**

2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the DS-0174; **or**

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4. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. If the DD-214 is not submitted with the application, the applicant will not be considered for Veterans Preference.

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

6. Copy of passport showing Chinese Government approval to legally reside and work for the U.S. Government in China (does not apply to Chinese nationals, US EFMs, or EFMs).

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Website: http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: 11:59 P.M. Beijing Time, May 6, 2013

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avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

DEFINITIONS:

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;
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- U.S. Citizen; and,
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