

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 14-0060**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates

**POSITION:** Senior Media Advisor, 1101480, FSN-11, FP-3\*

**OPENING DATE:** May 27, 2014

**CLOSING DATE:** June 9, 2014

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

**SALARY:** Ordinarily Resident: FSN-11 (basic salary RUB 1,562,674 + meal allowance RUB 29,952 + bonus 1/12 of the basic salary - starting salary per year before tax)

\*AEFM/MOH/NOR: FP-3\* (position grade to be confirmed by Washington)

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Appendix A) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED PERMANENT RESIDENCY PERMIT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

**All applications and résumés must be in English. Application received in any other language will not be considered.**

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow is seeking an individual for the position of Senior Media Advisor in the Public Affairs Section.

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

The Senior locally employed staff (LES) position in the Information Office serves as the Senior Media Advisor to senior Mission Russia officers on Russian media. The incumbent provides highly specialized media and political analyses on which the Public Affairs activities of the Mission are based. Supervises two other locally employed staff (Audio/Visual Technician and Administrative Assistant) and provides regular guidance to and informal oversight of two others (Print Media Assistant and Broadcast Media Assistant). Promotes the professional development of the section's local employees, and coordinates LES contributions to Mission Russia's reporting efforts.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the HR Office. Please send your request to the email address: [moscowhr@state.gov](mailto:moscowhr@state.gov)

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

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

1. University degree in political science, journalism or American Studies.

2. Three years' experience in journalism, government, or public relations, and two years previous management/supervisory experience.
3. Level IV (Fluent) in both English and Russian is required. Will be tested.
4. In-depth knowledge of the Russian media environment, Russian culture, and Russia's political and legal system.
5. Ability to understand U.S. policies and key issues in order to explain U.S. positions, attitudes, and policies to influential Russian media contacts.
6. Ability to draft correspondence and public remarks in both English and Russian for the Ambassador and other senior Mission Russia officials.

## **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, 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. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a security clearance.

## **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-0174); **and/or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (*see Appendix B*); **or**
3. 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**

4. 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.

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

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

### **Human Resources Office**

**Fax: 7-495-728 5244; Email: [moscowhr@state.gov](mailto:moscowhr@state.gov)**

*The preferred way of receiving resumes is via email.*

### **CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: June 9, 2014**

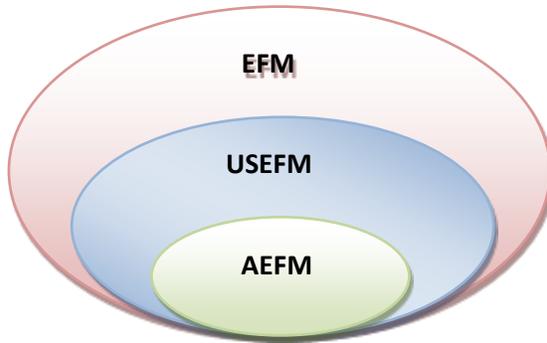
The U.S. Mission in Russian provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve 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.

**Vacancy Announcement approved by Richard Marsh (Human Resources Officer).**

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## Appendix A 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, 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 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).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **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).

7. **Veterans' Preference** - When applying the Veterans' Hiring Preference for local mission employment opportunities, a "preference-eligible" veteran candidate is a US citizen or non-citizen who holds a DD-214; AND has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, AND meets the criteria of one of the three categories below:

(1) **An individual** who served on active duty in the armed forces:

- For a period of more than 180 consecutive days any part of which occurred between 9/11/01 and 8/31/11; **OR**,
- During the period 8/2/90 – 1/2/92; **OR**,
- For a period of more than 180 consecutive days any part of which occurred between 1/31/55 and 10/15/76 (not including as a Reserve for service in the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard or as a Reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve); **OR**,
- During the period 4/28/52 – 7/1/55; **OR**,
- In a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized (as indicated on official documentation).

(2) **A disabled US veteran** who has:

- Served on active duty in the armed forces; **AND**,
- Established the present existence of a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs or a military department.

(3) **A retired member of the armed forces** who is entitled, under statute, to retired, retirement, or retainer pay on account of service **AND** is:

- Disabled; **OR**,
- Retired below the rank of O-4 (major or its equivalent).

## **Appendix B**

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. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (*Yes or No*; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No*; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References