

Job Opportunity – Special Investigator

The Regional Security Office via the Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Personnel Security & Suitability (PSS) is seeking qualified Eligible Family Members (EFM) to conduct background investigations as an independent contract special investigator. Contract investigators conduct interviews and review records to gather relevant information about a person's background. PSS uses this information to determine a person's eligibility for access to classified national security information and suitability for employment by the Department, or other federal agencies.

Contract special investigators must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen;
- Be eligible for a top secret security clearance;
- Hold a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university (although exceptions may be made on a case by case basis depending on the candidate's experience or training);
- Have the ability to work independently and meet strict deadlines;
- Have the ability to collect information through interviews and review of documents;
- Have the ability to report findings thoroughly and clearly, both orally and in written form;
- Have skills sufficient to receive assignments and report findings via computer.

Successful candidates will be issued a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) by PSS and report to the RSO. When services are required, the contract special investigator will be assigned work by, and submit reports to, the RSO.

Contract investigators are compensated based on a point system in which points are assigned to various investigative activities, with a fixed payment per point. Upon completion of assigned work, contract investigators submit an invoice to the RSO for certification and forwarding to PSS for payment. While PSS or RSO is not obligated to purchase any minimum amount of services under the BPA, we anticipate contract investigators working overseas may earn an average of approximately \$40,000 per year, or more depending on the level of effort and volume of work assigned by the RSO. This is a highly portable position, once you become a contract investigator, PSS will utilize your services on an as needed basis regardless of where you reside (worldwide).

This initiative has the full support of the Family Liaison Office and is a wonderful opportunity for EFMs to perform important work for the Department, yet enjoy the flexibility of being an independent contractor. Interested, qualified candidates should submit a resume via e-mail to the RSO at DakarRSO@state.gov.