



U.S. Commercial Service

Foreign Service Officer Assessment

Applications are now being accepted

Are you interested in a career in International Affairs, Foreign Relations, Trade Promotion and Commercial Diplomacy?

If so, I am pleased to bring to your attention a tremendous career opportunity.

The U.S. Commercial Service is looking for dedicated professionals to add to its complement of nearly 250 Foreign Service Officers serving in Embassies and Consulates around the globe. **We are pleased to announce that the online application is now open.**

To apply, please visit: <http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/330538700>

- *Please note, applications must be submitted by Monday, December 17, 2012 at 11:59 pm. Please direct all questions regarding the announcement to the Point of Contact listed on the Vacancy Announcement. Do not contact CS Careers for technical assistance.*

The U.S. Commercial Service (CS) is the trade promotion arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. Our primary mission is broadening and deepening the U.S. exporter base, removing obstacles to the export success of U.S. small- and medium-sized companies, advancing U.S. business interests abroad, and supporting job creation in the United States. The CS supports U.S. companies through a worldwide network of trade professionals located in more than 100 U.S. cities and American embassies and consulates in more than 70 countries. As a Foreign Service Officer with the Commercial Service you will represent your country overseas and support American businesses through inherently governmental and trade promotion activities. The CS is an important element of President Obama's National Export Initiative which aims to double U.S. exports by the end of 2014.

The Assessment is the competitive process used to select the next generation of commercial diplomats to serve in U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad. Exceptional applicants that pass the initial online application process will be invited to take part in a day-long examination in Spring 2013 to determine their suitability to join America's primary export/inward investment promotion agency. Only a small percentage of those that apply are chosen.

To be considered, candidates must:

- Possess a BA or BS degree and have three years of specialized trade promotion experience.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be between the ages of 21 and 59
- Be available for a worldwide assignment and be willing to relocate approximately every 3-4 years.
- Be able to obtain Medical and Top Secret Security clearances and pass a drug test.

The Commercial Service is looking to attract candidates that reflect the broad array of talent represented in American society as a whole. If you have any questions or need additional information, please go visit our website at www.trade.gov/cs/employment.asp.

Sincerely,

