



American Embassy

Subdivision 694/Stand 100,
Kabulonga District, Ibex Hill Road
P.O Box 31617, Lusaka District, 10101, Zambia

POLITICAL ASSISTANT

- OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates/All Sources
- POSITION:** Political Assistant, FSN-9; FP-5*
- OPENING DATE:** June 4, 2012
- CLOSING DATE:** June 18, 2012
- WORK HOURS:** Full time; 40 hours/week
- SALARY:** *Ordinarily Resident (OR): ZMK126,085,897.00 per annum (Position Grade: FSN-9);
Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): \$50,043.00 USD p.a. (Starting salary) (Position Grade: FP-05)

The U.S. Embassy in Lusaka is seeking an individual for the position of Political Assistant in the Mission's Political/Economic Office.

As sole FSN Political Assistant, incumbent's basic function is to assist the Embassy staff in monitoring, reporting, and analyzing political and social issues and developments. The incumbent will acquire and analyze information from published sources and contacts, reporting the information in form of cables. S/He will assist in researching and drafting congressionally mandated reports, research, analyze and brief the political officer and other embassy staff – up to and including the Ambassador— on domestic political and economic and social developments. The incumbent will also spend his/her time developing and maintaining contacts; helping Embassy staff to develop contacts with a wide range of Zambians; arranging the protocol details of in-country travel for Embassy staff; and maintaining a filing system.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact telephone number 357000 extension numbers 7284, 7286, or 7136.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

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

1. A degree in Political Science, International Relations, History, International Law or other closely related field is required.
2. Three years of progressively responsible experience in social science research and analysis, newspaper reporting of political matters, university teaching, or closely related field is required.
3. Level IV (Fluency) in speaking and writing English and one local language is required. Language proficiency will be tested.
4. Must be able to obtain material from varied sources and prepare reports of a factual nature in a precise and accurate form.
5. An excellent knowledge of the host country's political institutions, structure, political parties, system and historical development is required.

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 Background Security Certification.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE; **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:

The Human Resources Office
American Embassy
Subdivision 694/Stand 100, Ibex Hill Road, Lusaka District,
P.O. Box 31617, Lusaka.

HR_Lusaka@state.gov (Emailed applications preferred, but not required.)

POINT OF CONTACT

Telephone: 357-000 extension numbers 7284, 7136 or 7286.

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The U.S. Mission in Lusaka 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.

DEFINITIONS

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;
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old;
- 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;
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee;
- 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, and 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;
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country;
- 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).

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.