

**HUMAN RESOURCES NOTICE
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 10-19**

OPEN TO: US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) – All Agencies

POSITION: **Economic (Political) Assistant, FP-5* (Full Performance Level)**

OPENING DATE: May 04, 2010

CLOSING DATE: May 18, 2010

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident/FMA: US\$ 46,736 p.a. (Starting salary)
(Position Grade: FP-5 to be confirmed by Washington)

NOTE: ONLY US CITIZEN ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS (AEFM) AS DEFINED BELOW, OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION UNDER CHIEF OF MISSION AUTHORITY (COM) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. A US CITIZEN EFM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE RESIDING IN COUNTRY TO BE CONSIDERED, BUT THE SPONSORING OFFICER UNDER COM AUTHORITY DOES HAVE TO BE OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED TO POST.

The U.S. Embassy in Panama is seeking an individual for employment in country for the position of Economic (Political) Assistant in the Economic Section (ECON).

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent fulfills the duties traditionally assigned to an entry level officer complementing the work of the Economic and Political Sections, eight FSOs, two OMS, and four LE Staff. Assist the Economic and Political Sections on specific and as-needed projects. The position's key portfolios will be financial sector, labor issues, human rights, and anti-trafficking in persons. Incumbent will also research, draft and report on relevant economic and political issues. The individual reports to the Economic Section Chief, works closely with the Political Section Chief, and periodically leads/manages ad hoc teams.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available on the Human Resources website: http://panama.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: Although some of the information below has been provided in the application or resume, all applicants must still address each qualification/requirement detailed below.

with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item, on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Education: BA or BS in history, government, language, management, liberal arts, economics, business, humanities, applied science, international relations, law, or marketing is required.
2. Experience: One (1) year of progressively responsible professional office level experience such as in government service, with a nongovernmental organization (NGO), in a corporation or small business, in education, or in political activities, demonstrating a high level of accomplishment and potential is required.
3. Language: Level IV (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing English is required. Level II (Limited knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing Spanish is required. (Testing will be conducted)
4. Job Knowledge: Must have basic knowledge of government structures, political parties and leadership, labor issues, and economics, including how they interrelate.
5. Computer Skills: Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite is required. (Testing may be conducted to determine the qualifications)
6. Skills and Abilities: Must have the ability to obtain and analyze material from varied sources and prepare factual reports in accurate form.

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 US Citizens 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 position 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 Top Secret security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Optional Application for U.S. Federal Employment OF-612; or a current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as an OF-612; plus
2. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide copy #4 of their Form DD-214 with their application.
3. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office – Vacancy Announcement No. 10-19
NEC Building # 783
Demetrio Basilio Lakas Avenue
Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

or

Via email to: panamaembjobs@state.gov

POINT OF CONTACT

Human Resources Office
FAX: (507) 207-7011
Email address: panamaembjobs@state.gov

DEFINITIONS

1. 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,
- The Spouse or the domestic partner as defined in 3 FAM 1610 of the sponsoring employee, or a child of the sponsoring employee, who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

2. EFM: An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse;
- 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or US 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 US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: May 17, 2010

All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office by the closing date of the announcement.

The US Mission in Panama 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.

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