



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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DELEGATED EXAMINING UNIT FOR THE
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ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER
OMB-06-43-VM

Title, Series & Grade:
PROGRAM EXAMINER
GS-0301-12/15
(\$65,048 to \$139,774)

Vacancy Location:
Office of Management and Budget
Energy, Science, and Water Division
Science and Space Programs Branch
Washington, DC 20503

FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL: GS-15

MORE THAN ONE POSITION MAY BE FILLED THROUGH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Open to All Sources.

PLEASE NOTE: To ensure safe and timely receipt of your application, we encourage applicants to submit an electronic application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV or fax it to (202)395-1194/1262. We cannot guarantee that applications mailed will be received by the closing date of this announcement.

DUTIES: Serves in the branch of OMB that has budget responsibilities for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Smithsonian Institution and other federally-supported museums, small arts and planning agencies, and overall Federal research and development coordination. Serves as analyst for research and development activities including program areas for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (such as space station, space shuttle, exploration, aeronautics, and/or support functions and facilities), and/or Federal research and development policy including multi-agency programs in science and technology. Incumbent will analyze, evaluate, and develop creative and effective options and recommendations for issues pertaining to policy, budget, legislation, and management.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have a minimum of one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility comparable to the next lower grade in the Federal service. Specialized experience is experience directly related to the work of the position to be filled, which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. Applicants must demonstrate initiative and ability to work independently. **NOTE: This announcement contains Selective Factors that are considered a basic requirement of the position. Applicants who do not meet these factors WILL NOT receive further consideration.**

SELECTIVE FACTORS: Candidates should prepare, using specific examples, a brief description of their qualifications as they relate to each of the selective factors listed below. Failure to address these factors WILL result in a rating of INELIGIBLE. Candidates who do not meet these factors are ineligible for this position.

1. Demonstrated ability to analyze complex issues in science, engineering, and technology.
2. Advanced academic education or demonstrated experience in policy analysis.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS: Candidates must prepare, using specific examples, a brief description of their qualifications as they relate to each of the quality ranking factors listed below. Each candidate who meets the minimum qualifications and the Selective Factors listed above, will be rated and ranked based on their responses to the Quality Ranking Factors listed below. Failure to address these factors WILL result in a rating of INELIGIBLE.

1. **R&D Knowledge.** Knowledge of National Aeronautics and Space Administration programs and general knowledge of Federal R&D policies, programs, and plans.
2. **R&D Experience.** Technical, policy analysis, or administrative knowledge of research, development, or aerospace operations. Relevant experience in academia or industry is particularly desirable.
3. **Analytical Skills.** Demonstrated ability to analyze complex policy, business, legislative, or programmatic issues in science, engineering, and technology and related issues in management, strategic planning, procurement, finance, and/or regulations. Knowledge of the Federal budget process is highly desirable.
4. **Communications Skills.** Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, and develop effective working relations with a wide range of individuals within the science and engineering community. Applicants should submit a 1-3 page writing sample.
5. **Work Skills and Environment.** Demonstrated ability to analyze and produce a large amount of high quality work under pressure, both independently and as part of a team effort.
6. **Academic Training.** A degree in engineering or science and an advanced degree or experience in public policy or business management are highly desirable.

BASIS OF RATING: No written test is required. Applicants will be rated based on an evaluation of their experience/education as described in the application AND on their responses to the Selective and Quality Ranking Factors listed above. **APPLICANTS SHOULD ADDRESS EACH SELECTIVE FACTOR AND EACH QUALITY RANKING FACTOR SEPARATELY ON PLAIN PAPER. FAILURE TO ADDRESS THE SELECTIVE AND QUALITY RANKING FACTORS WILL RESULT IN A RATING OF INELIGIBLE.**

STATUS APPLICANTS: Current Federal employees serving under permanent appointments in the competitive service, or former Federal employees with reinstatement eligibility, will be considered under the agency's Merit Promotion procedures. Those status applicants who want to receive consideration under the competitive delegated authority procedures of this announcement must submit two applications. Mark one application "Merit Promotion" and the other "Delegated Examining."

NOTE: Applicants who do not indicate their lowest acceptable grade/salary will be considered only at the highest grade for which they qualify. For example, if you qualify at the GS-14 level, and you have not indicated that you would accept a lower grade, you will be only considered at the GS-14 level.

HOW TO APPLY:

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; -OR-**
- **Resume or other written format that includes the information identified in OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job;**

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **If you are a current or former Federal Employee please provide your latest SF-50 “Notification of Personnel Action” and your most recent Performance Appraisal;**
- **On a separate sheet, a narrative summary of your experience and/or education which concisely addresses each of the Selective and Quality Ranking Factors listed above.**

IF YOU ARE CLAIMING VETERAN’S PREFERENCE:

- **You must clearly identify your claim for veteran’s preference on your application**
- **If claiming 5 point veteran’s preference, you must submit a copy of your DD 214 or other proof of entitlement;**
- **If claiming 10 point veteran’s preference (based on service connected disability), you must submit a copy of your DD 214, and SF 15, and a copy of your Department of Veterans Affairs letter dated within the last 12 months (or other required proof).**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **Applicants will be notified of receipt of application and again at the point of selection/non-selection by the servicing personnel office.**
- **Failure to submit all required documents and information requested by the closing date of this announcement may result in your not receiving full consideration. Applicant’s qualifications will be evaluated solely on the information submitted in their applications.**

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- **A security clearance will be conducted. Applicants selected for employment must be 18 years old when appointed.**
- **The applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. After appointment, the employee will be included in the agency’s random drug testing program.**
- **As a condition of employment, candidates appointed, competitively promoted or reassigned are required to enroll and participate in Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer.**
- **Male applicants born after December 31, 1959 must certify at the time of appointment that they have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under Selective Service Law.**
- **Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs.**

WHERE TO APPLY:

**Completed form(s) must faxed to:
Executive Office of the President
Office of Administration
Human Resources Management Division
(202) 395-1194/1262**

- **Applications will also be accepted electronically. Please submit your application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV.**
- **Applications must be received by the closing date.**
- **Applicants submitting applications in postage-paid Government envelopes are reminded of the legal prohibition against the use of such envelopes or other Government property for other than officially approved activities. These prohibitions are contained in 18 U.S.C.1719.**
- **Applications will not be returned.**
- **You must include the announcement number on your application.**

- **The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization or other non-merit factors.**

- **Users of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) may call (202) 395-1160.**

- **Federal agencies, must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.**

SPECIAL NOTE

Displaced employees requesting special selection priority consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP). If you are a displaced Federal employee, you may be entitled to receive priority consideration under the ICTAP. To receive consideration you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. The following categories of candidates below (A and/or B) are considered displaced employees. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as RIF separation notice, letter from OPM, or a Certificate of Separation from your agency documenting your priority consideration status.
2. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement under section 8337 (h), or 8456 of title 5 United States Code;

OR

1. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group 1 or 2) competitive service employees who: received a specific RIF separation notice; or separate because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a SF-50 that indicates "Retirement in Lieu of RIF"; or under the discontinued service retirement option; or was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you were being separated. The position must not have greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.

3. Have a current performance rating of record (or last) of at least fully successful or equivalent (does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria.
6. Be rated well qualified for the position. To be considered well qualified you must earn a score of 90 or above (prior to the assignment of veterans' preference points) on the rating criteria developed for this position. Applicants must address the selective and quality ranking factors in order to receive a rating.