Position Title: Economist, GS-0110-07

Promotion potential: GS-11

Starting Salary: $43,251 - $56,222

Open Announcement Dates: Mon, 29 Jun – Mon, 17 Jul 2020

Duty Station: Walla Walla, Washington

Relocation Expenses Authorized: No

Who May Apply: All US Citizens who fall under the below categories.

Recent Graduates who have completed, within the previous two years, a qualifying associates, bachelors, masters, professional, doctoral, vocational or technical degree or certificate from a qualifying educational institution.

Recent Graduates preference eligible veterans who were precluded from applying due to their military service obligation begin their two-year eligibility period upon release or discharge from active duty. Eligibility for these veterans cannot exceed six years after degree or certificate completion.

How to Apply: Anyone wishing consideration for this opportunity must submit a resume, statement of interest and transcripts (unofficial transcripts may be accepted but official transcripts will be required prior to appointment) if applicable.

The application package will be submitted via email to Loriann.h.penebaker@usace.army.mil Please ensure the Subject line says: DHA Recent Grad Economist, GS-0110-07 Target GS-0110-11

For questions regarding this recruitment may inquire via email to Cindy.A.Boen@usace.army.mil

Summary of Duties: As a developmental Economist, you will train and assist in performing duties, such as:
Work on interdisciplinary teams, plan and carry out studies to determine the socioeconomic impact and benefits of flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, navigation, and other civil works studies.
Collect and analyze information and data to assess the feasibility and cost effectiveness of Corps civil works projects.
Using economic principles and regulations determine methodology, document procedures used, and present results in verbal and written format.
Select, develop, and apply both qualitative and quantitative research and analytic designs and methods to conduct water resource economic studies in accordance with federal requirements.
Perform statistical and financial data analysis, water demand forecasting, risk and uncertainty evaluations, alternative analysis, and incremental cost analysis for water resources projects.
Develop the complete scope, framework, and methodologies of studies in accordance with National Economic Development principles, as maintained by the Federal government and the Agency. Develop and track schedules and budgets for economic analysis.

Apply computer-based models to assess consequences, identify risk and uncertainty, and estimate socio-economic impacts of civil works projects.
Write complete economic reports, including technical appendices which describe economic methodologies of analysis and findings. Communicate economic methods of evaluation and requirements to team members and the public.

Basic Education Requirement:
Degree: Bachelor's degree (or higher degree) in economics that includes 21 semester hours in economics and 3 semester hours in statistics, accounting, or calculus

Qualifications:

Specialized Experience at the GS-07: One year of specialized experience which includes assisting with conducting economic studies and providing analyses. This definition of specialized experience is typical of work performed at the next lower grade/level position in the federal service (GS-05). Must still have completed post-secondary education in the past two years unless you are a Veteran.
OR
Education: 1 year of graduate-level education
OR
Superior Academic Achievement: Successful completion of all the requirements for a bachelor's degree with Superior Academic Achievement. In order to be creditable under this provision, Superior Academic Achievement must have been gained in a curriculum that is qualifying for the position to be filled, such as that identified in Education above. [Note: Remove the words "such as that identified in Education above" if the position you are filling does not require education in specific fields found in an Individual Occupational Requirement.] Superior Academic Achievement is based on:(1) Class Standing - Applicants must be in the upper third of the graduating class in the college, university, or major subdivision, such as the College of Liberal Arts or the School of Business Administration, based on completed courses; OR(2) Grade-Point Average (G.P.A.) - Applicants must have a grade-point average of either (a) 3.0 or higher out of a possible 4.0 ("B" or better) as recorded on your official transcript, or as computed based
on 4 years of education, or as computed based on courses completed during the final 2 years of the curriculum; or (b) 3.5 or higher out of a possible 4.0 ("B+" or better) based on the average of the required courses completed in the major field or the required courses in the major field completed during the final 2 years of the curriculum.; OR (3) Honor Society Membership - Applicants may be considered eligible based on membership in one of the approved national scholastic honor societies listed by the Association of College Honor Societies (https://www.achsnatl.org/).

This position falls under Administrative Careers with America (ACWA). The selectee will be subject to taking the ACWA exam via Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to further qualify.

**Conditions of Employment:**
Must be able to obtain and maintain a Security Background Check. A two year probationary period maybe required. Current career status federal employees will be converted to a new Career Appointment and maybe required to complete a new two year probationary period. Current transcript (official or unofficial) **MUST** be submitted as part of application package. Valid Driver’s License

**Permanent Change of Station (PCS) is not authorized.**

**Benefits:**
Benefits are a large part of an employee’s compensation.
Leave: 13 days’ vacation, 13 days sick leave, 10 paid holidays. Vacation leave increases to 20 days after 3 years of service. Federal Employees Retirement System
Basic Benefit Plan (Pension) – A hard to find benefit that pays up to 40% of your average highest 3 years’ salary based on meeting retirement criteria.
Thrift Savings Plan (401k style savings plan) – retirement savings plan that includes up to a 5% salary match.
Federal Employees Group Life Insurance – subsidized by your employer
Federal Employees Health Benefits (Insurance) – subsidized by your employer
Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance – supplemental dental/vision insurance to add to your healthcare plan.
Flexible Spending Account – Pre-tax accounts for out of pocket health and dependent care expenses.

**Fair & Transparent**
The Federal hiring process is setup to be fair and transparent. Please read the following guidance.

**Equal Employment Opportunity Policy:**
The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy And gender identity), national origin,
political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office at OPM
- Office of Equal Opportunity

Reasonable Accommodation Policy:
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.
A reasonable accommodation is any change in the workplace or the way things are customarily done that provides an equal employment opportunity to an individual with a disability. Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) must provide reasonable accommodations:

- When an applicant with a disability needs an accommodation to have an equal opportunity to compete for a job;
- When an employee with a disability needs an accommodation to perform the essential functions of the job or to gain access to the workplace; And
- When an employee with a disability needs an accommodation to enjoy equal access to benefits and privileges of employment (e.g., details, trainings, office-sponsored events).

- Disability Employment - Reasonable Accommodations