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## **MSHA seeks to hire mine inspectors in southeastern U.S.** *Applicant screening set for Gainesville, Fla.*

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will conduct an employment screening in Gainesville Sept. 20 and 21 as part of a nationwide effort to hire additional federal mine inspectors. The screening will be held at the Paramount Plaza Hotel and Conference Center at 2900 SW 13<sup>th</sup> St. in Gainesville beginning at 7 a.m. EDT.

“MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities,” said Richard E. Stickler, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. “We’re looking for qualified people who are interested in a career with our agency.”

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners.

Under the agency’s ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA will conduct an onsite applicant screening to test and interview applicants interested in the mine inspector positions. The screening in Gainesville will recruit for positions located in Bartow, Fla.; Birmingham, Ala.; Macon, Ga.; Columbia, S.C.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Sanford, N.C.; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each applicant must bring photo identification and a complete resume that fully describes work experience, as well as documentation required to support any veteran’s preference claim.

A minimum of one year experience performing onsite safety and health inspections, analysis, monitoring, or evaluation work in mining, occupational health or closely related industries is required.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program. Successful candidates should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect an annual salary range of about \$37,000 to \$70,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

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