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WASHINGTON, DC 20546

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE – NOTICE – NOTICE –

AT THE DATE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, U.S. MAIL DELIVERIES ARE NOT BEING RECEIVED BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR ANTHRAX CONTAMINATION. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN REGULAR MAIL DELIVERIES WILL RESUME. HOWEVER, MAIL DELIVERY SERVICES SUCH AS FEDERAL EXPRESS AND UPS ARE BEING RECEIVED. AS AN OPTION TO MAILING YOUR APPLICATION, YOU MAY FAX (202-358-2988), EMAIL ([WTERRELL@HQ.NASA.GOV](mailto:WTERRELL@HQ.NASA.GOV) OR [YGILMORE@HQ.NASA.GOV](mailto:YGILMORE@HQ.NASA.GOV)), OR HAND DELIVER YOUR APPLICATION TO OUR OFFICE. EMAILED, FAXED OR HAND DELIVERED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE. MAILED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE CLOSING DATE.

Applications should be sent to:

NASA Office of Inspector General  
Attn: Lek Terrell  
Code W  
300 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20546

POSITION: AST-Technical Management  
GS-801-14

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: DEU-IG-02-01

LOCATION: Office of Inspector General  
NASA Headquarters  
Washington, DC

Opening Date: 11/30/2001  
Closing Date: 12/21/2001

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources

Promotion Potential: GS-14

**Permanent Change of Station Costs (PCS) will not be paid.**

**DUTIES:** Serves as a principal technical policy analyst for the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG). Also conducts or leads inspections and assessments of Agency research and technology activities. Reviews evaluative and study results and makes necessary recommendations for improvements and/or corrective action. Leads planning activities involving evaluation of NASA scientific, engineering, research, and technological activities. Advises the Inspector General and the Assistant Inspectors General on planning and conducting activities related to science, engineering, research, and technology. Conducts comprehensive studies and analyses to determine size and

scope of activities, legislative history, policy implications, regulatory controls, etc., in processes and procedures of assigned

programs/projects. Leads or participates in inspection and assessment activities including project research, pre-inspection/evaluation testing, project design, development of data-gathering instruments, etc. Conducts interviews of employees, managers, and other individuals involved in the assigned program/project. Prepares reports conveying findings, recommendations, and other appropriate comments to NASA management. Plans for, conducts, and/or leads administrative investigations (including research misconduct investigations). Develops reports and/or briefings on investigative findings and recommends corrective actions.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must have education and/or experience in accordance with NASA and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) standards. Copies of the OPM standards are located in any Federal Personnel Office.

**BASIC QUALIFICATION:** For Aerospace Technology (AST) positions, the basic education requirement is successful completion of a standard professional curriculum in an accredited college or university leading to bachelor's degree or higher with major study in an appropriate field of engineering, physical science, mathematics, computer science, or other appropriate science.

**SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:** Candidates must have at least one year of specialized experience at the next lower grade or equivalent which is directly related to the position being filled, and which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be on a case-by-case basis.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: INCUMBENT MUST BE WILLING TO TRAVEL AND RELOCATE AS NECESSARY. EXECUTION OF A MOBILITY AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED.**

Candidates appointed to professional positions in the Office of Inspector General are expected to be willing to travel, be mobile, and may be reassigned to different duty locations throughout the U.S. dependent upon Office of Inspector General program needs.

**PRIORITY CONSIDERATION:** Priority consideration will be given to surplus and displaced Federal employees as set forth in the Office of Personnel Management guidelines, 5 CFR part 330, Career Transition Assistance for Surplus and Displaced Federal Employees.

**POSITION SENSITIVITY:** This position has been designated Critical Sensitive. The selectee will be subject to pre-appointment security investigation.

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**DUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**All status candidates who wish to be considered under both merit promotion and competitive procedures must submit two (2) complete applications. When only one (1) application is received, it will be considered for the merit promotion announcement only.**

**BASIS OF RATING:** Applicants will be rated on knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics.

**KSAOC'S** (Knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics)

1. Knowledge of theories, principles, and practices associated with science, engineering, research and technology, and their special applications within NASA.
2. Knowledge of the principles, theories, analytical and evaluation techniques and practices of management in order to systematically examine, assess, and evaluate and administratively investigate management controls, policies, practices, and research misconduct and other allegations.
3. Knowledge of domestic and international space, aeronautics, technology, science and research programs, policies, and plans.
4. Skill in communicating orally and in writing to present findings and recommendations in clear, concise, and logical terms.

**APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT ADDRESSING THESE FACTORS.**

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**HOW TO APPLY:**

Applicants may submit "Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), a resume or other type of application.

**HOWEVER, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST CONTAIN THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE VACANCY. NO ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE BY THE PERSONNEL OFFICE TO OBTAIN ANY MISSING DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION.**

- (1) The announcement number, title and grade of the job for which you are applying
- (2) Social Security Number
- (3) Country of citizenship
- (4) Veterans' preference (to claim 5-point veterans' preference, attach a copy of your DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of eligibility. To claim 10-point veterans' preference, attach an SF-15, Application of 10-point Veterans' Preference, plus the proof required by that form. If proof of 10-point preference is not received, the application will be processed with credit given for 5-point preference if appropriate.)
- (5) Reinstatement eligibility (Attach a copy of your most recent SF-50)
- (6) Highest Federal civilian grade held (including job series and dates held)
- (7) High school (date of diploma or GED)
- (8) Colleges and universities (majors and types of degrees received)
- (9) Work experience, training, skills, certificates/licenses and awards related to the position for which you are applying. Include series and grade if work experience was with the Federal government. Also, for each position listed, provide your duties and accomplishments, employer's name and address, supervisor's name and phone number, starting and ending dates, hours worked per week and salary. Please indicate if we may contact your current supervisor. Applicants are requested to submit the following additional documentation. While it is not mandatory, your qualifications may not be clearly represented unless you provide this supplementary information:
  - (A) A copy of your most recent performance appraisal
  - (B) Your personal description of how you meet the Quality Ranking Factors

Separate applications and supporting documentation must be submitted for each position for which you are applying. These documents will not be returned.

**Address Applications to:**

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Code W (RM8T79)  
300 E Street SW.  
Washington, DC 20546

**For further information contact:**

Lek Terrell  
202/358-2584

## **Information to Applicants:**

Selecting Officials have the right to select from all appropriate sources including: reinstatement eligible; noncompetitive lateral reassignments; nonstatus candidates within reach on an OPM certificate of eligible; veterans readjustment appointment eligible; qualified, noncompetitive status applicants with handicapping conditions who are eligible for appointment under Schedule A, Section 213.3102(t) or (u); and noncompetitive applicants who are 30 percent or more disabled veterans who have been certified as such by the Veterans Administration or state vocational rehabilitation office.

Eligibles will be rated based on documentation supporting their possession of the qualification rating factors listed above, as well as the most recent performance appraisal and applicable training and awards.

A complete description of Office of Personnel Management Qualification Requirements Standards Handbook for General Schedule positions is available in any Federal Personnel Office.

Applicants who do not meet the time-in-grade, qualifications, or time-after-competitive-appointment requirements, may be considered if they meet the particular requirement within 30 days of the closing date of the Vacancy Announcement.

Applicants are assured of equal consideration regardless of race, sex, age, religion, national origin, political affiliation, physical handicap, marital status, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

OPM considers the filing of job applications to be a personal matter, not official government business. Such personal mail is therefore subject to the payment of postage by the applicant, and use of official postage paid envelopes for this purpose is a violation of OPM and postal regulations and 5 U.S.C. 735.205; 39 U.S.C. and 18 U.S.C. Applications submitted in official government postage paid envelopes will not receive consideration. Envelopes with postage due cannot be accepted and will be returned to sender.

All statements on employment forms are subject to investigation including a check of fingerprints, police records, and former employers.

If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the Federal Government, you must, subject to certain exemptions, be registered in the Selective Service System.

**CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (CTAP) AND INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (ICTAP):** Priority consideration will be given to surplus and displaced Federal employees as set forth in the Office of Personnel Management guidelines, 5 CFR part 330, Career Transition Assistance for Surplus and Displaced Federal Employees. To receive this special selection priority, applicants must be within the local commuting area of the vacancy, have a current (or last) performance rating of at least fully successful or equivalent and submit the following with their application:

### **CTAP:**

- (1) RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area; or
- (2) Certificate of expected separation or other official notice from the agency indicating that the applicant is surplus or eligible for discontinued service retirement; or
- (3) Other official agency certification identifying the applicant as being in a surplus organization or occupation.

### **ICTAP:**

- (1) RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area; or
- (2) Documentation, e.g., SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, showing that the applicant was separated as a result of a RIF, or for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area; or

- (3) Official certification from an agency stating that it cannot place the applicant whose injury compensation has been or is being terminated; or
- (4) Official notification from OPM that the applicant's disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
- (5) Official notification from a Military Department or National Guard Bureau that the applicant has retired under 5 U.S.C. 8337(h) or 8456.

**In addition applicants must be determined to be well-qualified: (1) have a score of at least 85 or equivalent when ranked against the applicable knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's); (2) meet all KSA's at least one level above fully satisfactory or equivalent; or (3) meet an equivalent standard as defined in writing and consistently applied that supports the level of well-qualified.**