

UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
Job Announcement
(An Equal Opportunity Employer)

POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:

Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-5/6/7

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GS - 7

LOCATION OF POSITION(S): Annapolis, Maryland – 1 Position. [No relocation costs will be paid.]

CLOSING DATE: May 5, 2014

The position will be a GS-0404-5/6/7, multi-grade career ladder on a 13 month term appointment. This position may be extended up to a total of 4 years.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required)
Website: <http://www.sss.gov>
- DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and/or VA letter required for applicable Veteran preference
- The OF-306 form may be obtained from address listed, or downloaded from <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp>

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are currently a Federal employee, include a copy of the most recent performance appraisal or a statement that the rating is at least Fully Successful and the date of the rating. Additional materials not listed above (i.e. position descriptions, training certificates, etc.) may not be considered. Applicants who do not submit the required items may not be considered.

Interested individuals should send a resume, an OF-306 form and transcripts (if applicable) to:

CONTACT OFFICE:

Scott Healey
District Supervisor
USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
1568 Whitehall Road
Annapolis, MD 21409

Deadline to receive application materials is **Monday, May 5, 2014**. Interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter. If you have any questions, please call 410-349-8055.

DUTIES

This position is located in the Wildlife Services (WS) Program, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The incumbent will be required to perform a variety of tasks requiring a general knowledge of biology, population ecology as it pertains to invasive species management, agriculture, and wildlife damage management. The incumbent will perform some or all of the following in support of the WS program.

- Serve as a member of the MD/DE/DC WS work force engaged in providing technical assistance for wildlife damage management primarily in Maryland. This involves answering a toll-free Nuisance Wildlife Information Line and communicating practical advice to the general public relating to wildlife conflicts.
- Provide information on nuisance wildlife management strategies to callers on the toll-free line with wildlife problems. The information will be both verbal and written.
- Identify wildlife damage and animal sign of damaging species and non-target species and implement appropriate species selective management actions.
- May negotiate or participate in the negotiation of cooperative agreements/funds with program cooperators.
- Conduct wildlife surveys to determine if management is necessary.
- Keep accurate records on work activities for the cooperator and WS program using prescribed formats and procedures, and prepare/submit reports and summaries related to job activities and accomplishments.
- Report work activities to project supervisor at specified time frame.
- Participate in group meetings and discussions.
- Maintain, repair and ensure the safekeeping of tools, supplies, equipment, and vehicles.
- Participate in public outreach events to further the goals of the WS program.
- Work cooperatively with coworkers to support program goals and objectives.
- Operate trucks, motorized boats, canoes, and ATVs safely and in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- Participate in other wildlife damage management programs as directed by supervisor.
- Incumbent may be required to serve as an instructor and conduct training for cooperators or other interested groups on WS control methods, procedures, and program objectives. This may include preliminary instruction and training of new WS personnel on WS equipment and control methods, reporting procedures, field responsibilities and other technical aspects of the program, as well as educational presentations to groups. Incumbent may represent WS at local meetings, conferences, and workshops and with the local press regarding issues relative to the MD/DE/DC WS program.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Applicants can qualify by meeting the experience or education requirements specified below:

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5 GRADE LEVEL:

Applicants must have 1 year of specialized experience equivalent in level of difficulty and responsibility to the next lower level in the Federal service. This experience may have been obtained in the private or public (local, county, state, Federal) sectors.

Examples of qualifying experience include, but are not limited to:

- Use damage control techniques (including, but not limited to) predator, rodent and bird control toxicants, techniques, traps, snares and formulating scents and baits,
- Prepare reports regarding activities, observations, events, and other relevant data collected,
- Train on the control methods, procedures, technical aspects, and objectives used for wildlife damage control,
- Inspect and survey areas with the ability to recognize various wildlife,
- Meeting and communicating with individuals or groups,
- Recognize habits, characteristics, and habitats occupied by a variety of avian and mammalian wildlife species.

OR

EDUCATION SUBSTITUTION AT THE GS-5/6/7 GRADE LEVEL:

GS-5: A full four-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study or at least 24 semester hours in any combination of courses, such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics. At least 6 semester hours of courses must have been in wildlife.

GS-6: A half year or 9 semester hours of graduate-level education with an emphasis in wildlife.

GS-7: A full year or 18 semester hours of graduate-level education with an emphasis in wildlife.

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5/6/7 GRADE LEVEL:

Equivalent combinations of successful completed education and experience may be used to meet the total qualification requirements. The total percentage must equal at least 100 percent to qualify.

Carrying a firearm is a condition of Employment – In the passing of the *Lautenberg Amendment*, Congress passed legislation which prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition. If selected you will be required to sign the form, “Inquiry for Positions Requiring Possession of Firearms,” certifying that you meet this criteria.

NOTE: APPLICANTS FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT. APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON A NEGATIVE DRUG TEST RESULT. INCUMBENTS OF THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE ON AN ONGOING BASIS AFTER APPOINTMENT, AS DIRECTED.

Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, politics, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.