

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 09-30**

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**PLEASE NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO RESPONDED TO VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT 09-19 NEED NOT REAPPLY AS THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates

**POSITION:** Information Specialist

**GRADE:** FSN-10; FP-5 (step 5 through 14)

**OPENING DATE:** July 22, 2009

**CLOSING DATE:** July 29, 2009

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** \*Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): US\$47,625 p.a. (Starting gross salary) (Position Grade: FP-5 step 5 through 14 to be confirmed by Washington)

\*Ordinarily Resident (OR): US\$29,608 p.a. (Starting gross salary) (Position Grade: FSN-10)

**ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in Baku is seeking an individual for the position of Information Specialist in the Public Affairs Office.

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

Information Specialist reviews and analyzes the press; selects articles to translate; writes, edits and/or translates press releases; writes media reaction cables; investigates developments in the press/media field, organizes press events for Ambassador and the Embassy officials, high-level visitors.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact ext. 4637.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. University degree in journalism, communications, American Studies, international relations, political science, economics, public administration, business administration, management, history, anthropology, archaeology, cultural studies, demography, media studies, social work, ancient and modern languages, literature, philosophy, religion, performing arts, sociology, linguistics, geography, geology, physics, mathematics, psychology, library science, theology, biology, chemistry, medicine, architecture, art, education, environmental studies or computer programming is required.
2. Three to five years of experience in the field of journalism or public affairs work is required.
3. Level 5 English (Professional Translator) Speaking/Reading is required; Level 5 Azerbaijani (Professional Translator) Speaking/Reading is required; Level 4 Russian (Fluent) Speaking/Reading is required.
4. Comprehensive knowledge of Azerbaijan's media, political, economic, social and education structures, institutions, political parties and key figures in the mass media and the government is required. Considerable knowledge of recent American, Azerbaijani and NIS history and political and economic developments is required.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

## **TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment (SF-171 or OF-612); or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as an OF-612; plus
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.

4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

Hard copies:

Human Resources Officer

Address: 83 Azadlig Prospecty,

Baku AZ1007, Azerbaijan

Or electronic copies:

E-mail: [BakuHRMailbox@state.gov](mailto:BakuHRMailbox@state.gov)

## **POINT OF CONTACT**

HR Office

Telephone: 498-03-35

FAX: 498-17-42

<http://azerbaijan.usembassy.gov>

## **DEFINITIONS**

1. AEFM: A type of EFM that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided s/he meets all of the following criteria:

--US citizen;

--Spouse or dependent who is at least age 18;

--Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;

--Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safehaven abroad, or alternate safehaven abroad; and

--Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the US Civil, Foreign, or uniform services.

2. EFM: Family Members at least age 18 listed on the travel orders of a Foreign of Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed to a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.

3. Member of Household: A MOH is a person who: 1) Has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign service post or establishment abroad; 2)

Has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) Resides at post with the sponsoring employee.

4. Ordinarily Resident (OR): A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.

Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Typically NORs are US Citizen EFMs and EFMs of FS, GS, and uniformed service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 29, 2009**

The US Mission in Baku provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.