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EMPLOYER	LOCATION	SALARY RANGE	CLOSE DATE
Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight	Washington , Dist of Columbia	\$75,496.00-\$120,792.00	11-29-2004

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: OPAR-04-03B

OPENING DATE: 10-15-2004

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 22

WORK SCHEDULE: Full Time

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: US citizens

TIME LIMIT: Permanent - No time limit

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NOTES:

Status or Reinstatement eligibles who wish to be considered under Agency merit staffing procedures should apply under vacancy announcement number OPAR-04-03A.

Status or Reinstatement eligibility is acquired by completing 3 years of continuous creditable service in a career or career-conditional appointment in Federal service or by having met the requirements of the Veterans Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA). Please refer to the Internet address for the veteran's preference program if you are not sure if you meet the requirements of VEOA. Link: <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm>.

We strongly encourage you to apply using the on-line application process. You must contact Debbie Kolen at (202) 414-8924 for alternative application procedures if you are not able to apply on-line

DUTIES

Recommends or develops new or revised techniques to resolve complex problems.

Provides comments on a wide variety of proposals, studies, and other projects and research.

Provides routine and non-technical information to OFHEO staff in matters related to economic theory.

Maintains professional contacts outside of OFHEO and other relevant external organizations.

Conducts and supports empirical research, analysis, and communication of results and findings.

Assists in determining, assessing, or analyzing a wide variety of economic issues related to OFHEO.

Monitors the implications of economic, financial, and housing market trends.

Applies statistical programming language (e.g., SAS) and spreadsheet program (e.g., Excel) software to financial and economic data and modeling

Prepares issue papers, research papers, briefings, memos, and reports for the Director, the Chief Economist, other senior staff, and other internal and external audiences.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Ability to author or co-author research papers and reports.

Ability to analyze financial markets and economic policies, including the ability to apply statistical programming language (e.g., SAS) and spreadsheet program (e.g., Excel) software to economic and financial data.

Ability to conduct and collaborate in conducting econometric research and analysis of financial and economic issues.

Ability to communicate technical information, both orally and in writing, to technical and non-technical audiences, to include presentation, writings, and/or publication of papers and reports.

Ability to work as either a team leader or team member in an interdisciplinary environment.

Knowledge of economic principles, theories, concepts, methods, and techniques.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must meet ALL of the following general qualification requirements listed below in order to receive consideration for this position:

(A) Bachelors degree in Economics -or-

Four (4) years of work experience in conducting econometric research and analysis of financial and economic issues.

(B) Two (2) years experience conducting qualitative or quantitative research. This experience

may be inclusive of the work experience acquired in Qualification Requirement (A).

(C) Knowledge of economic and financial theory, in order, to assist in determining, assessing, or analyzing a wide variety of economic issues, such as identification and analysis of mortgage market trends.

(D) Knowledge of basic economic modeling, other types of data analysis, such as identification and analysis of mortgage market trends; and use of statistical software.

(E) Ability to produce empirical economic studies, prepare written reports, papers, and summaries.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS

Applicants who have competitive status or reinstatement eligibility must attach a copy of the most recent SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment regardless of race, color, religion, gender, status as a parent, sexual orientation, political affiliations, national origin, age, disability, or any other non-merit factor.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: 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 us. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis, except when doing so would pose an undue hardship on the employing agency.

Relocation expenses are NOT authorized.

BENEFITS: OFHEO offers a wide array of benefits:

1. FREE dental care program underwritten by Delta Dental. There is a \$1,000 annual maximum per employee and a separate orthodontic benefit for dependent children to age 19.
2. 100% cost of your public transportation commuting expenses (e.g., vanpool, metro bus, metro train). The first \$100 of your commuting costs is provided to you as a pre-tax benefit.
3. Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) includes a flexible work schedule and a compressed work schedule.
4. A variety of Federal Employee Health Benefit plans to choose from which can be paid from pre-tax income.
5. The Federal Employee Retirement System program that features three components: a retirement pension, the Thrift Savings Plan (an employee controlled investment program), and social security.

6. The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a retirement savings and investment plan for Federal employees and offers Federal employees the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under 401(k) plans. As soon as you become a Federal employee, as a FERS employee, you can contribute up to 14 percent of your basic pay each pay period to your TSP account. You will receive agency-matching contributions up to the first 5%. As a CSRS employee, you can contribute up to 9 percent of your basic pay each pay period to your TSP account. CSRS employees do not receive any agency contributions.

7. The Federal Employee Group Life Insurance offers numerous life insurance policy options covering employees and dependents.

8. The Federal leave program offers exceptional time off benefits, including annual leave, sick leave, a leave sharing program, Family Friendly Leave, Family Medical Leave, and ten (10) paid holidays per year.

9. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides free confidential counseling and referral services to you and your family members.

10. The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program provides long term care insurance to help pay for costs of care when you can no longer perform everyday tasks by yourself, or you have a severe cognitive impairment, such as Alzheimer's. You may visit the Long Term Care Partners website for more information: www.ltcfeds.com.

11. The Flexible Spending Account Program for Federal employees provides employee-funded accounts that can be tapped by account holders to pay for medical expenses that are tax deductible as well as dependent care costs. Contributions to the accounts come from an employee's pre-taxed salary. The government does not make a contribution.

12. Career development and enrichment training is available in job-related areas.

13. Other benefits include a nearby full service ATM; free use of an on-site gym and locker room with shower facilities; aerobics and yoga classes are available for a small fee; and on-site child care center.

OFHEO employees are subject to government-wide ethical standards of conduct, financial disclosure requirements, and post-employment prohibitions. In addition, OFHEO employees are not permitted to undertake outside activities or employment relating to real estate. OFHEO employees are also prohibited from owning certain investments, such as securities of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal National Mortgage Association (Enterprises). Also, certain OFHEO employees are prohibited from accepting compensation from the Enterprises for a two-year period after terminating employment with OFHEO. Questions regarding these requirements and prohibitions should be directed to the Office of General Counsel at (202) 414-3751.

If selected, male applicants born after 12/31/59 must confirm their selective service registration status.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: All Federal employees are required to have Federal salary payments made by direct deposit to a financial institution of their choosing.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Applicants must meet all minimum qualification requirements by the closing date of this announcement.

ICTAP ELIGIBLES - Take Note! ICTAP eligibles may apply for special selection priority for this position. To be well qualified and exercise selection priority for this vacancy, eligible displaced federal employees must receive a rating of 95 or more by the Rating Panel. Also, as required by PL 102-484, displaced DOD civilian employees must request full consideration with a job application and include a copy of their specific RIF notice of separation and/or a copy of the SF-50 documenting the RIF separation.

New federal employees are required to fulfill a one-year probationary period.