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Economist 13

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I. INTRODUCTION:

This position is responsible for performing a broad range of major assignments involving project formulation: planning and carrying out complex economic research: analyzing findings: and preparation of reports presenting results.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Conducts economic research and analysis; develops methodologies and approaches for research; and prepares reports and recommendations regarding important program aspects. Analyzes major economic developments and determines applicability to the agency's major programs. Participates in interagency work groups or serves as advisor to members of such work groups. May respond to inquiries from the general public and high level officials from other agencies.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

Factor 1 - Knowledge Required by the Position FL 1-8, 1550 points

Knowledge of a subject matter area in economics sufficient to provide expert economic analysis of pertinent issues.

Knowledge of economic theory and methodologies to develop new approaches to research methodology.

Knowledge of statistical procedures, econometrics, and computer methods in order to develop creative solutions to analytical problems.

Skill in complex data analysis and report writing to present findings.

Ability to make presentations of controversial findings to a wide range of audiences.

Factor 2 - Supervisory Controls FL 2-4, 450 points

The supervisor provides general administrative direction to the incumbent. The incumbent performs work with a marked degree of professional independence and technical authority and is responsible for planning, designing, and carrying out projects and studies independently. The economist is responsible for the thoroughness of the research, the significance of the findings and the effectiveness of his/her presentations. Completed work is expected to be a finished product, technically authoritative, and acceptable without significant change.

Factor 3 - Guidelines FL 3-4, 450 points

Guidelines consist of agency policies, procedures, and currently established methodologies. The incumbent must use initiative in interpreting the intent of the guides that do exist and in developing applications to specific areas of research.

Factor 4 - Complexity FL 4-5, 325 points

Assignments require the conceptualization of large or complex economic problems typically presenting unprecedented aspects. Assignments require extensive knowledge of the problem area and related economic theory and often involve imagination and creativity. Frequently the incumbent will be required to develop and apply new techniques and original methods of approach to solve important and unusual problems.

Factor 5 - Scope and Effect FL 5-4, 225 points

The purpose of the work is to conduct studies of key importance to the agency. The work affects the accuracy and timeliness of key agency products.

Factor 6 - Personal Contacts FL 6-3, 60 points

Contacts generally include agency personnel both at lower and higher levels. Contacts may include key officials from outside the agency, the media, academia, private industry, and the general public.

Factor 7 - Purpose of Contacts FL 7-3, 120 points

The purpose of the contacts is to gather information for studies, present findings of research, and to respond to questions from individuals within and outside the agency, many of whom may be unreceptive to the information.

Factor 8 - Physical Demands FL 8-1, 5 points

The work is sedentary.

Factor 9 - Work Environment FL 9-1, 5 points

The work is performed in an office setting.

TOTAL = 3190 POINTS

This position is exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IV. UNIQUE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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