Reference Number: GC-2015-01

Open period: October 23 to November 6, 2014

Title, Series, Grade: Supervisory Attorney Advisor, GS-0905-15

Duty Station: Silver Spring, Maryland *Relocation expenses are not authorized*

Area of Consideration: Current, Permanent NOAA Office of General Counsel Employees at the Grade 15.

Background: A new opportunity is available to join the management team of the NOAA Office of the General Counsel, Natural Resources Section. The Natural Resources Section provides legal guidance concerning NOAA’s natural resource trustee responsibilities to the Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) (part of the National Ocean Service) and the Restoration Center (part of the National Marine Fisheries Service). NOAA is a natural resource trustee pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, for damage caused by the release of hazardous substances, the discharge of oil and/or physical impacts (e.g., vessel groundings in national marine sanctuaries), and seeks compensation from parties responsible for those injuries to natural resources. The Natural Resources Section plays a significant role in NOAA’s mission of conserving and managing coastal and marine resources to meet the Nation’s environmental needs.

Duties: The Deputy Section Chief will work together with the Section Chief of the Natural Resources Section to provide management and supervision of the professional legal staff. The Deputy Section Chief is responsible for carrying out the mission of the organization in the most economical manner, using precepts of sound management practice and operating within the confines of the merit system. Under the direction and supervision of the Section Chief, the Deputy Section Chief will perform technical management, control, direction, and accomplishment of the functional responsibilities of the Natural Resources Section involving matters of legal policy, and evaluate performance of professional legal personnel to assist in developing legal skills. The Deputy Section Chief will interact routinely with other attorneys, policy makers, and technical staff within NOAA, other agencies, members of the regulated community, and public interest organizations. The Deputy Section Chief will supervise natural resource attorneys located in regional offices and Washington, DC region.

Qualifications: Applicants must possess the specialized experience equivalent in difficulty and responsibility to the position being filled. Specialized experience is experience that has equipped the applicant with the particular competencies/knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. This experience need not have been in the federal government. Specialized Experience for this position includes having experience as:

Experience with laws and regulations governing federal agencies including the Administrative Procedure Act, National Environmental Policy Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and other generally applicable federal laws.
Experience communicating effectively orally and in writing,
Experience identifying and resolving complex legal issues,
Experience managing large projects independently,
Experience working as a member of a team and as a team leader,
Experience assimilating large amounts of material quickly,
Experience balancing a diverse workload,
Experience managing a legal team or office or serving as a first line supervisor,
Experience in office management, budget, administration, and personnel matters.

**Other:** Significant academic achievement in law school (such as graduation in top third of class, graduation with honors, judicial clerking experience, or participation in moot court or law review) will be favorably considered.

**How to Apply:** E-mail your resume, a statement of interest, and a brief description of your qualifications as it relates to the above qualifications to:

GCNatural Resources.vacancy@noaa.gov

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