



POSITION

- **WG-3502-02 Laborer**

SALARY

- **\$17.74 per Hour Starting**

PROGRAM AREA

- **Plant Protection and Quarantine, Field Ops district 6, Aircraft and Equipment Operations (AEO)**

DUTY LOCATION

- **Moore AFB, Edinburg, TX**

WORK SCHEDULE

- **Full-time**

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT

- **Permanent**

NUMBER OF VACANCIES

- **1**

TRAVEL REQUIRED

- **Occasional – Some travel may be required for training and work assignments.**

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a US Citizen or US National.
- Subject to satisfactory adjudication of background investigation and/or fingerprint check.
- Successful completion of one-year probationary period as applicable.
- Direct Deposit: Per Public Law 104-134 all Federal employees are required to have federal payments made by direct deposit to their financial institution.
- Individuals who were born male after 12/31/1959 must be Selective Service registered or exempt.
- Successfully pass the E-Verify employment verification check. To learn more about E-Verify, including your rights and responsibilities, visit E-Verify at <https://www.e-verify.gov/>
- Must be able to lift, carry, and move objects and equipment up to 50 lbs.

WHO MAY APPLY

Non-competitive Hiring Authorities. Veterans – VRA or 30% or More Disabled Veterans, Schedule A (persons with disabilities), Military Spouses, Peace Corps or VISTA Volunteer.

OVERVIEW

APHIS is a multi-faceted Agency with a broad mission area that includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, regulating genetically engineered organisms, administering the Animal Welfare Act and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. These efforts support the overall mission of USDA, which is to protect and promote food, agriculture, natural resources, and related issues. Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) is a

program within APHIS which safeguards U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests, and facilitates the safe trade of agricultural products. Join our team and gain valuable experience working in the field to stop this invasive species from harming our nation's agriculture.

The Aircraft and Equipment Operations (AEO) work unit located in Mission, Texas, is responsible for providing aircraft, equipment, and services to support research and development, aerial application programs, aerial surveying, and distribution of sterile insects and/or bio-control agents as needed to support agricultural pest control programs.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assists aircraft mechanics with washing aircraft, cleaning aircraft upholstery, and degreasing aircraft parts.
- Uses simple hand and power tools to assist journeyman staff in the maintenance, clean-up, and assembly of specialized equipment.
- Loads, unloads, and moves equipment, crates, boxes, and supplies by hand or with the use of a hand truck and/or dolly or other material handling equipment.
- Assembles or prepares equipment, parts, or materials for shipping or mailing.
- Assists mechanics in removing, repairing, and installing parts during aircraft inspections, using appropriate hand tools and equipment.
- Uses the Aircraft Tug to move aircraft in and out of the aircraft hangar.
- Services the aircraft oil, aviation fuel, and tire pressure.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be graded on a series of Job Element related questions and multiple-choice answers provided by the Hiring Organization. Answers must be supported by information in the applicants resume work history. Must show experience and ability in the following items:

- Ability to understand common signs and read general instructions, follow oral instructions, work safely, and lift and move medium to heavy weight objects.
- Ability to safely perform simple manual tasks and use common hand and power tools.
- Basic knowledge of routine maintenance procedures, such as cleaning and replacing filters and refueling, for power equipment operated.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to submit the following items for consideration PPQ.Recruitment@usda.gov. ***Please list the Position Title in the subject line.***

- Applicants are required to submit the following items for consideration.
- A ***detailed*** Resume that includes: 1) personal information such as name, address, contact information; 2) education; 3) detailed work experience related to this position as described in the major duties including work schedule, hours worked per week, dates of employment; title, series, grade (if applicable); 4) other qualifications or certifications; and 5) supervisors name and phone number for each work period listed and whether or not they may be contacted for reference checks.
- When claiming Veterans' preference, you must submit a DD214, Certificate of Release from Active Duty, which shows dates of service and discharge under honorable conditions. If currently on active duty you must submit a certification of expected discharge or release from active-duty service under honorable conditions within 120 days after the date the certification is submitted.
- Disabled Veterans must also submit a VA Disability Letter (if applicable) for verification of service-connected disability.
- Schedule A candidates must include a Schedule A Letter for eligible disabled persons. To be eligible for Schedule A, you must provide a proof of a disability letter stating that you have an intellectual disability, severe physical disability, or psychiatric disability. You can get this letter from your doctor, a licensed

medical professional, a licensed vocational rehabilitation specialist or any federal, state, or local agency that issues or provides disability benefits. Letter must be on office Letterhead.

- Military Spouses must provide a copy of: Spouse ID card, Copy of Active-Duty spouses military orders, and marriage certificate.
- Peace Corps or VISTA Volunteers must provide their NCE letter.

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