

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Job Announcement
(An Equal Opportunity Employer)

POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-404-5, 6

SALARY RANGE: \$36,018 - \$52,199 per year

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GS-6

LOCATION OF POSITION(S): Jamaica (Queens), NY – 1 Position

CLOSING DATE: **October 5, 2015**

The position will be a GS-0404-5/6, 13-month term appointment with possibility of renewal. The work schedule for this position will be full-time at 40 hours per week or 80 hours per pay period. The position will begin no earlier than November 1, 2015 and end on December 1, 2016. This position will accrue sick and annual leave. Also, benefits, such as health and life insurance will be offered for this position. This appointment can be extended after December 1, 2016 if funding is available.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required). Website: <https://www.sss.gov/>
- DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and/or VA letter required for applicable Veteran preference
- Application forms OF-612 and OF-306 may be obtained from contact listed, or downloaded from <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp>
- Must have a valid State motor vehicle operator license.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are currently a Federal employee, include a copy of the most recent performance appraisal or a statement on the application that the rating is at least Fully Successful and the date of the rating. Additional materials not listed above (i.e. position descriptions, training certificates, etc.) may not be considered. Interested individuals should mail or email a detailed resume, copies of transcripts and an OF-306 (if applicable) no later than close of business **Monday October 5, 2015** to:

CONTACT OFFICE:

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230-59 International Airport Centers Blvd.
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NOTE: APPLICANTS FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT. APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON A NEGATIVE DRUG TEST RESULT. INCUMBENTS OF THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE ON AN ONGOING BASIS AFTER APPOINTMENT, AS DIRECTED.

Carrying/Using a firearm is a condition of Employment – In the passing of the *Lautenberg Amendment*, Congress passed legislation which prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition. If selected you will be required to sign the form, “Inquiry for Positions Requiring Possession of Firearms,” certifying that you meet this criteria.

DUTIES (*Described at the full performance potential of this position*)

The incumbent of this position serves as a biological science technician within the Wildlife Services (WS) Program for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) within the New York City and Long Island District. The technician must have proficiency in conducting and implementing direct control operations within a large geographical area assigned by the District Supervisor or State Director to control damage caused by avian or mammalian species.

Inspects and surveys areas to assist with existing programs.

Assists with wildlife control at sensitive locations (e.g. airports and public properties) that require high levels of professionalism and discretion.

Knowledge of colonial nesting birds, habitat, habits and types of damage is necessary; ability to manage damage caused by colonial nesting birds through nest and egg management, harassment, exclusion and firearms.

Knowledge of white-tailed deer habitat, habits and types of damage is necessary; ability to manage damage caused by white-tailed deer with various types of methods is preferred (firearms, clover traps, exclusion).

Prepares and assists others in preparing and submitting routine and special reports regarding daily, weekly or monthly activities, observations, events and other relevant data.

Serves as an expert instructor and conducts demonstrations and training for others, including other cooperators or interested groups, on damage control methods, procedures, and program objectives.

Provides assistance to cooperators with identification of wildlife and in management techniques.

Responsible for reporting accomplishments, problems encountered, work locations, etc. to supervisor.

Operation of a Government-owned or leased vehicle is required.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE GS-5/6 GRADE LEVELS:

Applicants must have 1 year of specialized experience equivalent in level of difficulty and responsibility to the next lower level in the Federal service. This experience is typically in, or related to, the work of the position being filled and must have equipped the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below.

OR

EDUCATION SUBSTITUTION AT THE GS-5 GRADE LEVEL:

Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study, or at least 24 semester hours, in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics, with at least 6 semester hours in wildlife.

EDUCATION SUBSTITUTION AT THE GS-6 GRADE LEVEL:

Successful completion of 9 semester hours of graduate level education with an emphasis in wildlife.

OR

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5/6 GRADE LEVELS:

Equivalent combinations of successful completed education and experience may be used to meet the total qualification requirements. The total percentage must equal at least 100 percent to qualify.

ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT:

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USDA-APHIS-WS New York
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Or

Allen Gosser
State Director
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Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, politics, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.