



**NOTICE OF JOB AVAILABILITY
AMERICAN EMBASSY LJUBLJANA**

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 08-01

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: **Economic/Commercial Specialist, FSN-9 / FP-5 (steps 1-4)***

OPENING DATE: January 15, 2008

CLOSING DATE: January 28, 2008

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident: Position Grade: FP-5 (steps 1-4) to be confirmed by Washington)

Ordinarily Resident: Position Grade: FSN-9

LENGTH OF HIRE: Temporary position – 1 year

NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana is seeking an individual for the position of Economic/Commercial Specialist in the Pol/Econ section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The position is located in the American Embassy. Incumbent is one of two specialists responsible for economic reporting and also planning, developing, and implementing the country commercial plan for Slovenia. The incumbent reviews and analyzes issues raised by U.S. companies and coordinates Embassy advocacy for U.S. businesses. Incumbent assists and counsels U.S. businesses/exporters on marketing products in Slovenia, and briefs business delegations and visiting U.S. officials on country program activities and priorities. Incumbent engages in substantive market research, writes analytical reports and makes forecasts based on in-depth knowledge of Slovenia's commercial and international economic conditions. Incumbent maintains and updates the country commercial website. Incumbent develops and maintains extensive range of contacts and utilizes these contacts in organizing an active commercial outreach program. In addition, the incumbent makes regular, concise, and objective reports to the

Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission on economic and commercial developments. The incumbent provides expertise and insight on changes and ongoing trends in the Slovenian economy and drafts analytical reports and unclassified cables.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact (01) 200 5593.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Graduate of a secondary school plus a degree from a university of a recognized specialty school at university of a recognized school at university level. Level of education may be substituted by significant responsible experience in economics, marketing, trade promotion, commerce or banking.
2. Four years of progressively responsible experience in economics, marketing, trade promotion commerce or banking is required. If job related experience is substituted for the educational requirements, seven to nine years of progressively responsible experience is required with at least three years of such experience in a U.S. Commercial Section or Trade Center.
3. Level IV (Fluent) English required. Level V Slovene required.
4. Specialized knowledge of, and experience with, the Slovenian economy, economic structure and institutions, both political and economic, business practices, product marketing, laws and policies is required. A thorough and comprehensive knowledge of modern economic principles and theory, both micro and macro level is required.
5. Organizational and interpersonal skills are required. Ability to undertake independent market research and data analyses, respond to information requests relating sophisticated business/commercial issues and ability to maintain appropriate contacts in the Slovene government and private sector, is required.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.

4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for US Federal Employment (SF-171 or OF-612); or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as an OF-612; plus
3. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

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POINT OF CONTACT

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DEFINITIONS

1. US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) – For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:
 - US Citizen; and,
 - EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
 - Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or

1. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

2. EFM: An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse;
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

3. Member of Household (MOH) – An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: JANUARY 28,2008

The US Mission in (insert post) provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.