U.S. Mission Bolivia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 17 - 24

OPEN TO: All interested Candidates / All Sources

The "Open To" category listed above refers to applicants who are eligible to apply for this position. The "Open To" category should <u>not</u> be confused with a "hiring preference" which is explained later in this vacancy announcement.

POSITION: Secretary

OPENING DATE: September 28, 2017

CLOSING DATE: October 11, 2017 at 17:00

WORK HOURS: Full-time 40 hours/week

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR): FSN-6

Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-8*

*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

NOTE: Candidates who applied for the Vacancy Announcement No. 17.20 which closed on August 11, 2017 will be considered, and do not need to re-apply.

START DATE: The selected candidate must be able to start work within two weeks of receipt of agency authorization and/or clearances/certifications, or their candidacy may not be considered.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Appendix A for definition) MUST RESIDE IN BOLIVIA AND HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Mission in Bolivia is seeking eligible and qualified applicant for Secretary Position in the Public Affairs Section.

NOTE: Due to the high volume of applications that we receive, we are not able to contact applicants who are not selected. Thank you for your understanding.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent serves as secretary and executive assistant to the Cultural Affairs Officer (CAO) and the Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer (ACAO). Provides secretarial services, organizes and maintains a central filing system, provides protocol assistance to the Cultural Affairs Office. Serves as the section time keeper and the contact management database manager for the Cultural Affairs Office. Keeps track and manages office supplies stocks according to program needs. Incumbent coordinates travel arrangements for the CAO, ACAO and members of the Cultural Affairs Office and prepares travel vouchers, travel orders, and representational vouchers and follows-up on disbursements. Receives and distributes of incoming correspondence and preparers invitations as required. Serves as back-up for the press section's secretary.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

- 1. **EDUCATION:** Completion of secondary school and secretarial training is required.
- 2. **EXPERIENCE:** Four to five years of bilingual secretarial experience is required
- 3. **LANGUAGE:** Level 3 (Good Working Knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing of English and Spanish level V (native speaker) is required. **Will be tested**.
- 4. **SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Must be proficient in Microsoft Office software and be familiar with desktop publishing equipment and software,

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained on our share point site at <u>Position Description</u> or by contacting the Human Resources Office, Tel: 216-8032, e-mail: **Vacancias@state.gov**

HIRING PREFERENCE SELECTION PROCESS: Applicants in the following hiring preference categories are extended a hiring preference in the order listed below. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants accurately describe their status on the application. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not eligible for a hiring preference.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) AEFM / USEFM who is a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran*
- (2) AEFM / USEFM
- (3) FS on LWOP**
- * IMPORTANT: Applicants who claim status as a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran must submit a copy of the most recent Member Copy Four (4) of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and, if applicable, a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If claiming conditional eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference, applicants must submit proof of conditional eligibility. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veterans' preference will not be considered in the application process. Mission HR's decision on eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference after reviewing all required documentation is final.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- 1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
- 2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.

^{**} This level of preference applies to all Foreign Service employees on LWOP.

- 3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
- 4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold the following: Local security certification
- 5. Candidates who are EFMs, USEFMs, AEFMs, or MOHs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

- 1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources. (See "For Further Information" above); and
- 2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.)

WHERE TO APPLY:

Human Resources Office HR Office

Mailing Address: 2780 Arce Avenue,

OR you can send it via:

E-mail Address: <u>Vacancias@state.gov</u>

Please be sure to send your application until September 11 at 17:00

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission 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.

Appendix A – DEFINITIONS

<u>Eligible Family Member (EFM):</u> An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); or
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term "child" shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**

- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; or
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the
 employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner 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; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- Is under chief of mission authority.

<u>U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):</u> A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; or
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; or
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; or
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

<u>Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):</u> An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; or
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); and
- Is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

<u>Member of Household (MOH):</u> An individual who accompanies or joins a sponsoring employee, i.e., sponsor is a direct hire employee under Chief of Mission authority, either Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. A MOH is an individual who meets the following criteria:

(1) Not an EFM and therefore not on the travel orders or approved through form OF-126 Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report of the sponsoring employee; and

- (2) Officially declared by the sponsoring U.S. Government employee to the Chief of Mission (COM) as part of his or her household and approved by the COM; and
- (3) Is a parent, grandparent, grandchild, unmarried partner, adult child, foreign born child in the process of being adopted, father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister who falls outside the Department's current definition of Eligible Family Member 14 FAM 511.3. A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does <u>not</u> ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is <u>not</u> subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

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