Fire Protection Engineer

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Public Buildings Service

Open & closing dates
06/19/2020 to 07/06/2020

Service
Competitive

Pay scale & grade
GS 13

Salary
$102,663 to $133,465 per year

Appointment type
Permanent

Work schedule
Full-time

Locations
FEW vacancies in the following location:
Washington, DC

Relocation expenses reimbursed
No

Telework eligible
Yes as determined by agency policy

This job is open to
The public
U.S. citizens, nationals or those who owe allegiance to the U.S.

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Duties

Summary
As a Fire Protection Engineer, you will be directly involved in planning, directing, and coordinating the fire protection engineering issues in new construction, building alterations, and lease acquisitions for the region.
Location of position: Public Buildings Service, Facilities Management Division, 1800 F. Street, NW.Washington, DC.

Multiple vacancies may be filled.

Responsibilities

- Manages fire protection engineering portions of major new construction or renovation projects and incorporates fire protection design practices into all phases of design and construction.
- Reviews, or directs the review of, fire protection features of plans, specifications, and analyses of design as submitted by other divisions in the region for accuracy and technical competency and approves such plans specifications, and analyses where the authority is vested in the branch chief for the region.
- Evaluates field offices and other headquarters agencies within the region and provides feedback regarding their implementation of GSA's fire protection engineering policies and programs.
- Serves as a consultant and technical expert for regional architects/engineers in other divisions or field offices concerning fire protection engineering issues.
- Performs field inspections of proposed projects to determine directive and design requirements.

Travel Required

Occasional travel - Travel occasional for training.

Supervisory status

No

Promotion Potential

13

Job family (Series)

0804 Fire Protection Engineering

[https://www.usajobs.gov//Search/Results?j=0804]

Requirements

Conditions Of Employment

- US Citizenship or National (Residents of American Samoa and Swains Island)
- Meet all eligibility criteria within 30 days of the closing date
- Meet time-in-grade within 30 days of the closing date, if applicable
- Register with Selective Service, if you are a male born after 12/31/1959

If selected, you must meet the following conditions:

- Receive authorization from OPM on any job offer you receive, if you are or were (within the last 5 years) a political Schedule A, Schedule C or Non-Career SES employee in the Executive Branch.
- Serve a one year probationary period, if required.
- Undergo and pass a background investigation (Tier 2 investigation level).
- Have your identity and work status eligibility verified if you are not a GSA employee. We will use the Department of Homeland Security's e-Verify system for this. Any discrepancies must be resolved as a condition of continued employment.
- Complete a financial disclosure report to verify that no conflict, or an appearance of conflict, exists between your financial interest and this position

Qualifications

For each job on your resume, provide:

- the exact dates you held each job (from month/year to month/year)
- number of hours per week you worked (if part time).

If you have volunteered your service through a National Service program (e.g., Peace Corps, Americorps), we encourage you to apply and include this experience on your resume.
For a brief video on creating a Federal resume, click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YX7o1PBoFk).

The GS-13 salary range starts at $102,663 per year. If you are a new federal employee, your starting salary will likely be set at the Step 1 of the grade for which you are selected.

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEERS:** A Degree in professional engineering OR a combination of college-level education, training, and/or technical experience. For specifics on qualifying education and/or experience - use the following link: [Basic Requirements for Engineer Positions](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0800/files/all-professional-engineering-positions-0800.pdf).

**SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:**

GS-13:

In addition to the Basic Requirements listed above, you must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-12 in the Federal service. Specialized experience must demonstrate knowledge of fire protection engineering concepts, principles & practices applicable to the full range of engineering duties concerned with providing safe environment for buildings and operations by resolving fire protection and life safety problems.

**Education**

Note: If you are using foreign education to meet qualification requirements, you must send a Certificate of Foreign Equivalency with your transcript in order to receive credit for that education. For further information, visit: [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-visitus-forrecog.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-visitus-forrecog.html).

**Additional information**

**Bargaining Unit Status**

Bargaining Unit status: AFGE

**Relocation Not Paid**

Relocation-related expenses are not approved and will be your responsibility.

**Management Rights**

Additional vacancies may be filled from this announcement as needed; through other means; or not at all.

All the information you provide will be verified by a review of the work experience and/or education as shown on your application forms, by checking references and through other means, such as the interview process. Any exaggeration of your experience, false statements, or attempts to conceal information may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you after you begin work.

**How You Will Be Evaluated**

We will use a method called Category Rating to assess your application. Here’s how it will work:

- You will be scored on the questions you answer during the application process, which will measure your possession of the following competencies or knowledge, skills, and abilities:

  1. Knowledge of other related engineering fields including, mechanical, electrical, civil, structural, and architectural.
  2. Ability to apply new developments or experimental theories to problems not addressed by existing codes, standards, or policies.
  3. Knowledge, skills, and abilities to develop and enforce regional guide specifications, criteria, and technical guidelines or handbooks for use in construction and renovation projects throughout the region.
  4. Knowledge of advanced concepts, theories, principles, and practices for fire protection engineering sufficient to plan, coordinate, review, and provide expert technical/engineering advice relative to the GSA Fire Protection Engineering Program.

- Your answers to the questions will be used to place you in one of three categories: Best Qualified, Well Qualified, or Qualified.

- We will verify your answers to the questions in your resume. If your resume doesn’t support your answers, we may lower your score, which could place you in a lower category.
Within each category, veterans will receive selection priority over non-veterans.

Additional assessments may be used, and, if so, you will be provided with further instructions. If you are eligible under Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan or GSA’s Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP/CTAP) [https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/federal-employees/ictap/], you must receive a score of 85 or higher to receive priority.

To preview questions please click here [https://jobs.monstergovt.com/gsa/vacancy/previewVacancyQuestions.hms?orgId=1&jnum=102875].

Background checks and security clearance

Security clearance Drug test required
Other No

Required Documents

ALL required documents must be submitted before the closing date. Review the following list to determine what you need to submit.

- If you are claiming veterans’ preference:
  a. Copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty, DD-214 that shows the dates of your active duty service. If selected, a DD-214 showing your type of discharge (member 4 copy) will be required prior to appointment.
  b. If you are claiming 10-point preference or derived preference (a spouse, widow or widower, or parent of a deceased or disabled veteran), submit both of the following in addition to the DD-214: (1) completed SF-15 [http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf] form; and (2) proof of your entitlement (refer to SF-15 [http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf] for complete list).

- If you are active duty military: Certification on a letterhead from your military branch that includes your rank, character of service (must be under honorable conditions) & military service dates including discharge/release date (must be no later than 120 days after the date the certification is submitted).

- If you are ICTAP [https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/federal-employees/ictap/] /CTAP [https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/federal-employees/ctap/] eligible - submit a, b, and c: (a) proof of eligibility including agency notice; (b) SF-50, and (c) most recent performance appraisal.

- Current or Former Political Appointees: Submit SF-50.

- College transcripts: If you are using some or all of your college education to meet qualification requirements for this position, you must submit a photocopy of your college transcript(s). If selected, an official transcript will be required prior to appointment. For education completed outside the United States, also submit a valid foreign credential evaluation that substantiates possession of the required education.

If you are relying on your education to meet qualification requirements:

Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications. Therefore, provide only the attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education [http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/].

Failure to provide all of the required information as stated in this vacancy announcement may result in an ineligible rating or may affect the overall rating.
Benefits

A career with the U.S. Government provides employees with a comprehensive benefits package. As a federal employee, you and your family will have access to a range of benefits that are designed to make your federal career very rewarding.

- Benefits for federal employees (https://www.usa.gov/benefits-for-federal-employees#item-36407)
- Healthcare insurance (https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/)

You will have access to many benefits (https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/careers-at-gsa/why-work-at-psa/employee-benefits) including:

- Health insurance (choose from a wide range of plans)
- Life insurance coverage with several options
- Sick leave and vacation time, including 10 paid holidays per year
- Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k) plan)
- Flexible work schedules
- Transit and child care subsidies
- Flexible spending accounts
- Long-term care insurance
- Training and development


Eligibility for benefits depends on the type of position you hold and whether your position is full-time, part-time, or intermittent. Contact the hiring agency for more information on the specific benefits offered.

How to Apply

Submit a complete online application including any required documents prior to 11:59 pm Eastern Time on the closing date of the announcement. You can modify or complete your application any time before the deadline. Simply return to USAJOBS, select the vacancy, and update your application. For more detailed instructions on how to apply, click here: Apply for a GSA Job (http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/26564).

To begin, click the Apply online button on the vacancy announcement.

- Sign in or register on USAJobs and select a resume and documents to include in your application.
- Once you have clicked Apply for this position now, you will be taken to the GSA site to complete the application process.
- Click the Apply To This Vacancy and complete all steps in the application process until the Confirmation indicates your application is complete. If you click Return to USAJobs or get timed out prior to receiving confirmation, your application will not be submitted and cannot be considered for this job.
- Note: Review the REQUIRED DOCUMENTS section of this announcement to determine which apply to you and must be submitted online. You may choose one or more of the following options to submit your document(s): Upload (from your computer); USAJOBS (click the "USAJOBS" link to complete the transfer process) or FAX (read the "Fax instructions" provided prior to printing the Fax Cover Sheet and faxing your information).

Need Assistance in Applying? Contact the HR representative listed on the announcement prior to the application deadline. We are available to assist you Monday-Friday during normal business hours. You must receive HR approval before deviating from these instructions. Be sure to APPLY EARLY as most assessments must be completed fully and submitted before the announcement closing.

Agency contact information

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Fair & Transparent

The Federal hiring process is setup to be fair and transparent. Please read the following guidance.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

- [Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) for federal employees & job applicants](https://www.eeoc.gov/federal/fed_employees/index.cfm)

Reasonable Accommodation Policy

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application process should follow the instructions in the job opportunity announcement. For any part of the remaining hiring process, applicants should contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

A reasonable accommodation is any change to a job, the work environment, or the way things are usually done that enables an individual with a disability to apply for a job, perform job duties or receive equal access to job benefits.
Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodations when:

- An applicant with a disability needs an accommodation to have an equal opportunity to apply for a job.
- An employee with a disability needs an accommodation to perform the essential job duties or to gain access to the workplace.
- An employee with a disability needs an accommodation to receive equal access to benefits, such as details, training, and office-sponsored events.

You can request a reasonable accommodation at any time during the application or hiring process or while on the job. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Learn more about [disability employment and reasonable accommodations](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/disability-employment/reasonable-accommodations/)
or [how to contact an agency](https://www.usajobs.gov//Help/how-to/application/agency/contact/)

**Legal and regulatory guidance**

- **Financial suitability**  

- **Social security number request**  

- **Privacy Act**  

- **Signature & False statements**  

- **Selective Service**  

- **New employee probationary period**  