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Fire Protection Engineer

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General Information

Country

United States

State

Pennsylvania

City

Blue Ridge Summit

Working Time

Full-Time

Position Level

Senior

Working Arrangements

On-Site

Description

Position Title: Fire Protection Engineer

Agency: Department of War, Washington Headquarters Service

Series/Grade: GS-0804-13

Salary Range: \$121,785 – \$158,322

Appointment Type: Permanent

Duty Location: Adams County, PA

Clearance: Top Secret / SCI

About the Role & Mission:

Washington Headquarters Service is seeking a Senior Fire Protection Engineer to serve as the technical authority for fire protection design, criteria development, review, and acceptance activities in support of highly sensitive, mission-critical facilities. In this role, the selected candidate will provide specialized engineering expertise to plan, analyze, design, and oversee facility repair, improvement, and upgrade projects, ensuring the highest levels of life safety, system reliability, and mission continuity.

About the Hiring Agency:

Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) provides essential administrative, operational, and facility support to the Office of the Secretary of War, the Joint Staff, and other Department of War components. This position is located within the Engineering Plans and Services organization and plays a key role in maintaining the integrity and readiness of critical infrastructure.

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- Deep mastery of fire protection engineering principles, codes, and standards applied to complex, high-consequence facilities.
- Proven ability to lead multi-disciplinary design efforts and serve as the final technical authority on life-safety systems.
- Professional Engineer (PE) license preferred, with the ability to sign and seal fire protection designs.
- Strong judgment in applying or adapting criteria where unique mission-driven conditions exist.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills for briefing senior officials, writing formal criteria, and coordinating across agencies and contractors.
- Mission-focused mindset with experience supporting high-reliability or continuity-of-operations environments.

Qualifications:

You may qualify at the GS-13 level if you possess:

- A current, valid Professional Engineer (PE) license preferred.
- One year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-12 level that demonstrates mastery in applying advanced fire protection engineering theories, principles, and practices to the design, review, and acceptance of complex fire protection systems.
- Experience developing or significantly revising fire protection design criteria, directing multi-discipline design efforts, and performing formal technical reviews and approvals of fire protection systems for compliance with UFC, NFPA, IBC, and related standards.
- Ability to serve as a senior technical advisor, resolve controversial or unprecedented engineering issues, and coordinate work across multiple organizations and contractors.
- A bachelor's degree (or higher) in fire protection engineering or a closely related engineering discipline from an ABET-accredited program (or equivalent combination of education and experience).

Incentives:

Relocation expense reimbursement, as well as recruitment incentives, may be offered.

Conditions of Employment:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret security clearance based on a Special Background Investigation (SBI) and eligibility for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI).
- This is a Testing Designated Position (TDP). The incumbent must refrain from illegal drug use and may be subject to random urinalysis testing.
- This position is designated Mission Essential. The employee may be required to report for, or remain at, work during dismissal or closure situations.
- Must file an OGE Form 450, Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, upon appointment and annually thereafter.
- Occasional travel (up to 25%) may be required on military or commercial aircraft.
- Selective Service registration required if applicable.

How to Apply:

Submit a two-page Federal resume (see U.S. Office of Personnel Management guidance on the two-page resume limit).

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