

# Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

**Job Title:**Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Officer

**Department:**Department Of Agriculture

**Agency:**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

**Job Announcement Number:**24PQ-2014-0077

**SALARY RANGE:** \$39,179.00 to \$75,376.00 / Per Year

**OPEN PERIOD:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 to Thursday, April 17, 2014

**SERIES & GRADE:** GS-0401-07/11

**POSITION** Full Time - Permanent

## **INFORMATION:**

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** 11

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** 1 vacancy - Nogales, AZ [View Map](#)

**WHO MAY APPLY:** This announcement is open to all United States citizens. (Current and Former Federal employees may also apply to Merit Promotion announcement #6PQ-2014-0055.)

**SECURITY** Public Trust - Background Investigation

**CLEARANCE:**

**SUPERVISORY** No

**STATUS:**

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## **JOB SUMMARY:**

The incumbent performs a variety of highly specialized duties involving the development, implementation, and maintenance of an active Smuggling, Interdiction, and Trade Compliance (SITC) program in Laredo, Texas; Webb County. Duties and functions performed by the SITC Officer play a vital role in APHIS PPQ's (Plant Protection & Quarantine) mission and program efforts to safeguard US agriculture from plant and animal pests and diseases, with responsibility to identify and verify prohibited and/or non-compliant imported products found at ports of entry and in commerce.

**APHIS is an emergency response agency.** This means that all Agency employees may be asked or assigned to participate in rotating temporary duty assignments to support emergency programs at some time during their careers with APHIS.

## **TRAVEL REQUIRED**

- 25% or Greater
- Travel may be required.

## **RELOCATION AUTHORIZED**

- No

## **KEY REQUIREMENTS**

- You must be a US Citizen or US National.
- Males born after 12/31/59 must be registered with the Selective Service.
- Subject to satisfactory completion of one year probationary period.
- Valid state driver's license is required at the time of application.

## **DUTIES:**

The duties described are for the full-performance level. At developmental grade levels, assignments will be of more limited scope, performed with less independence and limited complexity. The duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Responsible for the operational planning, development, implementation, coordination and evaluation of operations designed to meet the needs of PPQ in the areas of smuggling interdiction and trade compliance.
- Based on investigation and analysis, the incumbent develops comprehensive multifaceted strategies, plans and activities that include commerce site inspections and surveys, interagency or work unit blitzes, special operations, intensified examinations, import cargo trade verifications and public outreach.
- Provides written reports to management on operations and field activities and conducts formal briefings when appropriate.

- Collects information, compiles statistics, develops case reports and inputs data in applicable systems.
- Effectively communicates and establishes cooperative relationships in order to convey information to the public, industry, other agencies and within APHIS.
- Conducts analysis of applicable intervention intelligence, trends and safeguarding techniques.
- A critical component of analytical assignments is conducting formal risk assessments in accordance with established agency methodology.

### **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of the announcement including the following specialized experience and/or education, as identified by grade level.

### **BASIC REQUIREMENT:**

A. Degree: biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position from an accredited college or university. Transcripts required if qualifying based on this provision.

OR B. Combination of education and experience--Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

**FOR THE GS-07 LEVEL:** Applicants must have one year of specialized experience (equivalent to the GS-05 level) that demonstrates:

- Professional knowledge of pertinent regulations, policies, and procedures of agricultural quarantine principles and biological and scientific principles, techniques of collection and identification
- Researched, interpreted and applied regulations for the importation of agricultural commodities/food products.
- Assisted in conducting risk analysis regarding potential threats to agricultural, economic and/or health interests.
- While on the job applied knowledge of plant and animal pests, diseases, and invasive species.

OR Successful completion of one full year of graduate level education from an accredited college or university in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position.;

**OR Superior Academic Achievement:** To qualify based on superior academic achievement, you must have completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution AND must meet certain GPA requirements.

**FOR THE GS-09 LEVEL:** Applicants must have one year of specialized experience (equivalent to the GS-07 level) that may have been obtained in the private or public (local, county, state, Federal) sectors which demonstrates:

Experience assessing the potential economic impact of plant pests and/or diseases on the U.S. agriculture industry through the use of pest life cycles and pest dissemination risk factors.

- Knowledge of port procedures, broker interface, and shipping and distribution practices related to imported commodities.
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with industry representatives and stakeholders.
- Conducting outreach activities and representing the program at meetings internally or with the industry concerning smuggling interdiction and trade compliance.

**OR** Applicants must have successfully completed 2 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a master's degree or master's or equivalent graduate degree from an accredited college or university in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position. Equivalent combinations of education and experience are qualifying for this grade level.

**FOR THE GS-11 LEVEL:** Applicants must have one year of specialized experience (equivalent to the GS-09 level) that may have been obtained in the private or public (local, county, state, Federal) sectors which demonstrates:

- Conducting complex formal evaluations of actual and potential smuggling interdiction and trade compliance risks.
- Evaluating relative risks, performing cost analysis, and developing alternatives for management to consider.
- Experience participating in efforts to develop and implement new procedures based on knowledge of search and seizure authorities, the enforcement process, compliance agreements, permitting needs, and evolving inspection methods.
- Experience presenting findings and recommendations through written reports or oral presentations.

### **AGENCY CONTACT INFO:**

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