



Job Title:Risk Management Specialist

Department:Department Of Agriculture

Agency:Risk Management Agency

Job Announcement Number:RMA-14-0081-RMA-SMG

SALARY RANGE: \$50,778.00 to \$95,725.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, October 6, 2014 to Friday, October 17, 2014

SERIES & GRADE: GS-1101-09/12

POSITION INFORMATION:Full-Time - Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Saint Paul, MN [View Map](#)

WHO MAY APPLY: You must be a U.S. Citizen or National to apply.

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Q - Nonsensitive

SUPERVISORY STATUS: No

For more information or to apply, go to: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/383077500>

JOB SUMMARY:

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) serves America's agricultural producers through effective, market-based risk management tools and solutions to strengthen the economic stability of agricultural producers and rural communities by providing World Class agricultural risk management products, tools, education and outreach. RMA strives to be a high-performance and inclusive workplace by promoting an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect. You will receive on-the-job training intended to further develop your talent, skills, and abilities in Federal service.

PLEASE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER "HOW TO APPLY" BEFORE YOU BEGIN.

We are concurrently announcing this position under Merit Promotion (applicants with status as current or former federal employees or applicants eligible under special hiring authorities) Vacancy Announcement Number: RMA-0080-RMA-SMG at the GS-9/11/12 grade levels. Applicants wishing to be considered for all announcements must submit separate and complete application packages for each vacancy announcement.

TRAVEL REQUIRED

- Occasional Travel
- Occasional travel may be required.

RELOCATION AUTHORIZED

- No

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a U.S. Citizen or National to apply.
- Required to pass a background investigation and fingerprint check.
- Registered for Selective Service, if applicable.
- Successful completion of a one year probationary period.
- Meet education and/or experience requirements.
- Complete the Occupational Questionnaire/submit resume/supporting documents.

DUTIES:

This position is located in the Risk Management Agency, Deputy Administrator for Insurance Services, Risk Management Regional Office, located in St. Paul, MN.

The Selectee:

- Performs duties related to underwriting and agricultural program activities that support crop insurance programs and policies;
- Develops, implements and promotes agricultural risk management strategies as a key component of agricultural risk management theories;
- Provides technical expertise on agricultural practices and crop insurance policy;
- Serves as Agency liaison in/for activities designed to deliver outreach and agricultural risk management education to the public regarding crop insurance programs.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

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Applicants must meet all qualification requirements by 11:59 p.m. EST on the closing date, including the following experience/education, as defined below:

You may start at the GS-9 grade level if you have the following qualifications:

- Two full academic years of progressively higher level graduate education or masters or equivalent graduate degree from an accredited college of university with a major in an agricultural field of study, business administration, economics, law, or any other field directly related to to position to be filled. **OR**
- At least one full-time year (12 months) of specialized experience equivalent in difficulty and responsibility to the GS-7 grade level in the Federal Service or public sector that demonstrates knowledge of concepts and principles relating to agricultural science or risk management that demonstrates knowledge of agricultural production practices. **OR**
- Less than the full amount of graduate education and less than the full amount of experience but I have a combination of graduate level education and specialized experience. Only graduate education in excess of the first year (18 semester hours) may be combined with experience.

You may start at the GS-11 level if you have one of the following qualifications:

- Three full years of progressively higher level graduate education or a PH.D. or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited college or university with a major in agriculture, agricultural economics, farm management, business administration, economics, law, or any other field related to the position to be filled. **OR**
- At least one full-time year (12 months) of specialized work experience equivalent in difficulty and responsibility to the GS-9 level in the Federal service that demonstrates a practical working knowledge of crop insurance programs. In addition, a working knowledge of a range of concepts and principles, related to agriculture sciences, agricultural risk management programs, agricultural statistical analysis, actuarial/underwriting for agricultural insurance products, or other programs, policies, procedures and regulations applicable for agriculture. **OR**
- A combination of graduate level education and specialized experience. Only graduate education beyond the second full year (36 semester hours may be combined with experience).

You may start at the GS-12 level if you have one of the following qualifications:

- On full-time year (12 months) of specialized work experience equivalent in difficulty and responsibility to the GS-11 level in Federal service. Experience that demonstrates knowledge of current procedures and practices used in the sales of service of crop insurance contracts in order to be aware of the impact underwriter determinations have on agency functions. Knowledge of a wide range of concepts and principles related to agricultural sciences, agricultural risk management programs, agricultural statistical analysis, actuarial/underwriting for agricultural insurance products, or other programs, policies, procedures and regulations applicable to agriculture.

THE SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION IS NOT QUALIFYING FOR THE GS-12 LEVEL.

College Transcript: If you are qualifying based on education, submit a copy of your college transcript that lists college courses detailing each course by the number and department (i.e., bio 101, math 210, etc.), course title, number of credit hours and grade earned. You must submit with your application package evidence that any education completed in a foreign institution was appropriately accredited by an accredited body recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education as equivalent to U.S. Education standards. You may submit an unofficial copy of the transcript at the initial phase of the application process; however, if selected, you will be required to submit official transcripts prior to entering on duty. **Please refer to the "How to Apply" section for instructions on submitting the transcript.**

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND FINGERPRINT CHECK: Selection and retention in this position is contingent upon a successfully adjudicated FBI National Criminal History Check (fingerprint check) and a background investigation.

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