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### MERIT PROGRAM

Announcement Number: **PTO-04-135**  
Issue Date: **9/30/04**  
Closing Date: **11/5/04**

# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### TITLE, SERIES, AND GRADE

Supervisory Patent Examiner  
GS-1224-15  
Position is at the full performance level  
Multiple positions  
Competitive Service  
Non Bargaining Unit  
Temporary NTE 5 years  
(May be made permanent)

#### VACANCY LOCATION

Patent and Trademark Office  
Technology Center 2800

#### AREA OF CONSIDERATION

PTO Employees with Status  
DOC Surplus, Displaced Employees in  
local commuting area

#### DUTIES:

The incumbent serves as head of a Patent Examining Art Unit under the general administrative direction of the Group Director. Incumbent is responsible for authoritative interpretation of legal precedents for making a wide variety of decisions involving the subject matter of Technology Center 2800, in particular Groups 2810, 2820, 2830, 2840, 2850, 2860, 2870 and 2880. The patent applications involve semiconductors and electrical circuits, power generation and distribution, music, electrical components, control circuits, electrical and computer controls, measuring and testing, printers, liquid crystals, optical elements and systems, fiber optics, lasers, electric lamps, registers, optical measuring and radiant energy. The incumbent will be performing a number of related duties such as determining whether two or more applications contain interfering subject matter. Incumbent exercises the full range of supervisory and managerial duties associated with the direction of work in the art unit.

#### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have had one year of experience which has equipped them with particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position, which is typical to the work of the position to be filled, and is equivalent to the next lower grade in the Federal Service. Status applicants considered under Merit Program Procedures are subject to time-in-grade requirements in accordance with 5 CFR 300.604. CTAP/ICTAP candidates will be determined to be well qualified if they score 90 or higher when rated against the crediting plan.

#### EVALUATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES:

will be on the basis of experience, training, awards, supervisory appraisals, and the following factors. **Failure to address each factor may have an impact upon your ranking.**

1. Ability to supervise and perform administrative duties, including effectively motivating, leading and training patent examiners and other employees.
2. Knowledge of the scientific and technical matters associated with the patent process in the designated art areas of Groups 2810, 2820, 2830, 2840, 2850, 2860, 2870 and 2880.
3. Knowledge of legal matters associated with the patent process in the designated art area which includes demonstrated competence in examination practice and procedure or comparable experience in the patent field.
4. Knowledge of Patent and Trademark Office strategic direction, short and long term goals, policies, and programs and their impact on the organization.
5. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

#### SELECTIVE FACTOR: Candidate must possess the following for consideration:

1. Applicant must have full signatory authority.
2. Applicant must have passed the certification examination, or have passed the agent's examination.

#### HOW TO APPLY - SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Candidates may submit a SF-171, Application for Federal Employment, an OF-612 or resume.
2. Most recent supervisory appraisal and a recent copy of a SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (Status Candidates Only)
3. An official letter from the USPTO verifying that you have passed the certification examination, or have passed the agent's examination
4. Vacancy announcement number, position title and grade level(s) you are applying for must be recorded on the application submitted. If the grade level is not indicated, candidates will be considered only at the highest grade for which qualified.
5. Statement of qualifications relating to the Selective Factor and each of the Ranking Factors.

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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE COLOR, SEX, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, LAWFUL POLITICAL AFFILIATION, NON-DISQUALIFYING HANDICAP, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AFFILIATION WITH AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.

#### I. REGARDLESS OF WHICH APPLICATION FORM/FORMAT IS USED, APPLICANTS SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The announcement number, title and grade of the position for which you are applying.
2. **Personal information**
  - a. Full name, mailing address (including ZIP Code), home and work telephone numbers (including area codes)
  - b. Social security number
  - c. Country of citizenship
  - d. Veteran's preference: If you wish to claim 5-point veterans preference or if you are applying under the Veterans Readjustment Appointment provisions, you must include dates of military service and a copy of each Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD-214. If you are claiming 10-point veterans preference, you must also include SF-15 and the appropriate proof required by that form.
  - e. Competitive status: if you are a current or former Federal employee, and if the announcement is open to status applicants only or if you wish to be considered as a status applicant, you must submit a copy of your SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, which shows you have status.
  - f. Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces with honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply. (Under merit promotion procedures.)
  - g. Highest federal civilian grade held, including job series and dates held.
3. **Education**
  - a. High school - name, city, state and ZIP Code (if known) and date you received diploma or GED.
  - b. Colleges and universities - name, city, state and ZIP Code (if known), majors(s), type(s) of degree(s) received and date(s) received. If you did not receive a degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. Submit copies of undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts if the announcement specifies minimum education requirements, if you are qualifying based on allowable substitution of education for experience or if you are qualifying based on Superior Academic Achievement (see the announcement for details).
4. **Job-Related Work Experience (Paid and Non paid)**
  - a. Job title (include series and grade if Federal)
  - b. Duties and accomplishments
  - c. Employer's name and address
  - d. Supervisor's name and telephone number
  - e. Starting and ending dates (month and year)
  - f. Hours per week,
  - g. Salary
  - h. Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.
5. **Other Qualifications**
  - a. Job-related training courses (title and year)
  - b. Job-related skills (i.e., other languages, computer hardware/software, tools machinery, etc.)
  - c. Typing and/or stenography speed
  - d. Job-related certificates and licenses (current only). Do not send copies unless required in the announcement.
  - e. Job-related honors, awards and special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, performance awards, etc.) Give dates but do not send documents unless requested.

#### II. CTAP/ICTAP

1. CTAP candidates must apply for the vacancy, submit proof of eligibility for CTAP consideration, have a current performance rating of record of at least fully successful or the equivalent, and be within the Washington, D.C. Commuting area.

#### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applications mailed in Government franked envelopes will not be considered.
2. Applications submitted by telefax will not be considered.
3. Applications submitted by email will not be considered.
4. Applications submitted by mail with a postmark of on or before the closing date of this announcement will be considered only if received in the USPTO, Office of Human Resources, within five (5) working days of the closing date.
5. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.
6. Applicants must be citizens of the United States (or owe allegiance to the United States).
7. Applicants with disabilities, disabled veterans, or any other applicants eligible for non-competitive appointment under special appointing authorities not requiring competitive status should clearly specify their special eligibility on their application.
8. If selected, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must confirm their selective service registration status. Certification forms are available at most Federal agency personnel offices or from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
9. Applications will not be returned to applicants.
10. Applicants will receive notification of the outcome of a vacancy announcement as soon as possible after a selection is made.
11. If a vacancy is for a supervisory or managerial position, the selectee may have to serve a supervisory/managerial probationary period.
12. If a vacant position is filled at a grade below the full performance level, the selectee may be promoted without further competition. However, this implies no promise or guarantee of promotion.
13. Qualification requirements in the vacancy announcement are based on OPM Qualifications Standards for General Schedule positions.
14. Privacy Act requirements (PL 93-579): the application forms prescribed are used to determine qualification for promotion, reassignment, or employment and are authorized under Title 5, U.S.C. sections 3302 and 3360.

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15. Candidates outside of the USPTO who are referred for consideration will be required to complete the Declaration for Federal Employment, OF-306.
16. For any vacancy, employees of the Department of Commerce may be considered before other applicants.

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