Job Title: Mechanical Engineer

Department: Department of the Army

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Job Announcement Number: SWGJ153854761329301D

SALARY RANGE: $71,551.00 to $93,022.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 to Wednesday, March 11, 2015

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0830-12

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy in the following location:
Pittsburgh, PA
United States Citizens

WHO MAY APPLY: United States Citizens

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Not Applicable

SUPERVISORY STATUS: No

JOB SUMMARY:

Civilian employees serve a vital role in supporting the Army mission. They provide the skills that are not readily available in the military, but crucial to support military operations. The Army integrates the talents and skills of its military and civilian members to form a Total Army.

About the Position:

As a Mechanical Engineer in the Technical Design Section serves as Mechanical Engineering Specialist with responsibility for the development of design, plans and specifications for difficult mechanical systems containing unusual features which require distinctive deviations from precedence established for similar projects. In addition, incumbent administers and coordinates designated A-E contracts and provides technical advice to lower grade engineers on complex design programs.

Who May Apply: U.S. Citizens

TRAVEL REQUIRED
• Occasional Travel
• 10% Temporary Duty Travel (TDY)

**RELOCATION AUTHORIZED**

• Yes
• PCS maybe authorized, Recruitment/Relocation maybe authorized, Retention Incentive is not authorized.

**DUTIES:**

Major Duties:

• Develops and coordinates design, contract plans and specifications, and design computations for complex mechanical systems and features or navigation locks and dams and flood control reservoirs.
• Makes economic and design studies in connection with design and arrangement of all mechanical features of navigation and flood control structures, local protection work and other projects.
• Visits projects to render advice, discuss methods and outline instructions as to the requirements needed to meet the intent of the design and performance. analyzes mechanical problems arising during construction/ modification of projects, checks operation requirements to assure intent of design is met and makes preliminary inspection of mechanical installations. Investigates mechanical equipment heating including air conditioning systems upon request to determine reason or cause for malfunctioning of equipment or systems and recommends solution to problems.
• Conducts investigations involving special phases of mechanical engineering for the improvement and efficiency of such features as gate hoisting machinery, filling and emptying valves, and gate operating machinery on navigation locks and dams and flood control reservoirs.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

In order to qualify, you must meet the education and/or experience requirements described below. Your resume must clearly describe your relevant experience; if qualifying based on education, your transcripts will be required as part of your application. Additional information
Experience required:

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community; student; social). You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

To qualify based on your experience, your resume must describe at least one year of experience which prepared you to do the work in this job. Specialized experience is defined as: applying advanced mechanical engineering principles to developing design plans and specifications: AR-analysis, studies, investigations, and modifications of mechanical features for various civil works projects including navigation locks and dams and flood control reservoirs. This definition of specialized experience is typical of work performed at the next lower grade/level position in the federal service (GS-11).

You will be evaluated on the basis of your level of competency (knowledge, skills, abilities) in the following areas:
• Knowledge of Mechanical Engineering and Design
• Ability to Conduct Field Investigations
• Ability to lead an Engineering team
• Written Communication

Time in Grade Requirement: Applicants who have held a General Schedule (GS) position within the last 52 weeks must have 52 weeks of Federal service at the next lower grade (GS-11)(or equivalent).

Education Requirement:

Some federal jobs allow you to substitute your education for the required experience in order to qualify. For this job, you may qualify if your education meets the definitions below:

• Bachelor's degree or above in professional engineering from a college or university accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). NOTE: THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY. (You must provide transcripts with your application package).

• Bachelor's degree or above in professional engineering. The curriculum included differential and integral calculus and courses (more advanced than first-year physics
and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas of engineering science or physics:
(a) statistics, dynamics; (b) strength of materials (stress/strain relationships); (c) fluid
mechanics, hydraulics; (d) thermodynamics; (e) electrical fields and circuits; (f)
nature and properties of materials (relating particle and aggregate structure to
properties); and (g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science of
physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics, or electronics. (You must
provide transcripts with your application package.

- Currently registered as a professional engineer by a state in the United States, the
  District of Columbia, Guam, or Puerto Rico. I also have college-level education,
  training, and/or technical expertise that furnished (1) a thorough knowledge of the
  physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering, and (2) a
  good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the engineering sciences and
techniques and their applications to one of the branches of engineering. (You must
provide transcripts with your application package.

- Successfully passed the Engineer in Training examination, or the written test required
  for professional registration, administered by the Boards of Engineering Examiners
  in the various States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. I have also
  completed all the requirements for either (a) a bachelor's degree in engineering
  technology (BET) from an accredited college or university that included 60 semester
  hours of courses in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences, or (b) a
  BET from a program accredited by the ABET and (You must provide
  transcripts with your application package).

- Combination of at least 4 years of college-level education, training, and/or technical
  expertise that included successful completion of at least 60 semester hours of courses
  in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences, including the courses listed
  in paragraph B above. The courses are fully acceptable toward meeting the
  requirements of a professional engineering curriculum. (You must provide transcripts
  with your application package).

- Bachelor's degree or higher-level degree in engineering technology or in an
  appropriate professional field (for example, physics, chemistry, architecture,
  computer science, mathematics, hydrology, or geology) and at least one (1) full year
  of professional engineering experience that was acquired under a professional
  training program or under professional engineering supervision and guidance. (You
  must provide transcripts with your application package.)
Only degrees from an accredited college or university recognized by the Department of Education are acceptable to meet positive education requirements or to substitute education for experience. For additional information, please go to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and U.S. Department of Education websites at - http://www.opm.gov/qualifications and http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html

Foreign education must be evaluated for U.S. equivalency in order to be considered for this position. Please include this information in your resume.

A copy of your transcripts from an accredited college or university must be submitted

Other Requirements: Click here for expanded definitions.

- Male applicants born after December 31, 1959 must complete a Pre-Employment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration.
- You will be required to provide proof of U.S. Citizenship.
- One year trial/probationary period may be required.
- Direct Deposit of Pay is Required.
- Basic Background check maybe required.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

Your application package (resume, supporting documents, and responses to the questionnaire) will be used to determine your eligibility, qualifications, and quality ranking for this position. Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may affect your rating or consideration for employment.

Basis for Rating: Qualified candidates will be assigned to one of three quality categories: Best Qualified, Highly Qualified and Qualified. Veteran preference eligibles are listed ahead of non-preference eligibles within each quality category.

- Best Qualified. Candidates in this category possess exceptional skills and experience to exceed well above the minimum requirements for the announced position.
- Highly Qualified. Candidates in this category possess good skills and experience above the minimum requirements for the announced position.
- Qualified. Candidates in this category meet the minimum experience requirements for the announced position.

Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP). If you are a Federal employee in the competitive service and your agency has notified you in writing that you are a displaced employee
eligible for ICTAP consideration, you may receive selection priority. See Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) for more information. Additional information about the program is on OPM's Career Transition Resources website.

**BENEFITS:**

The Department of Defense offers an excellent benefits program. In addition to your take-home pay, your comprehensive compensation/benefits package will include most of the benefits described in the USAJOBS Resource Center.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Selection is subject to restrictions resulting from Department of Defense referral system for displaced employees.
- If you have retired from federal service and you are interested in employment as a reemployed annuitant, see the information in the Reemployed Annuitant information sheet.
- You may claim military spouse preference, see the information in the Procedures information sheet.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

To apply for this position, you must complete the online questionnaire and submit the documentation specified in the Required Documents section below.

The complete application package must be submitted by 11:59 PM (EST) on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to receive consideration.

- To begin, click Apply Online to create a USAJOBS account or log in to your existing account. Follow the prompts to select your USAJOBS resume and/or other supporting documents and complete the occupational questionnaire.
- Click the Submit My Answers button to submit your application package.
- It is your responsibility to ensure your responses and appropriate documentation is submitted prior to the closing date.
To verify your application is complete, log into your USAJOBS account, select the Application Status link and then select the more information link for this position. The Details page will display the status of your application, the documentation received and processed, and any correspondence the agency has sent related to this application. Your uploaded documents may take several hours to clear the virus scan process.

To return to an incomplete application, log into your USAJOBS account and click Update Application in the vacancy announcement. You must re-select your resume and/or other documents from your USAJOBS account or your application will be incomplete.

It is your responsibility to verify that information entered, uploaded, or faxed (i.e., resume) is complete, accurate, and submitted by the closing date. Uploaded documents may take up to one hour to clear the virus scan. Faxed documents must be completely transmitted by 11:59p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the closing date of the announcement.

The Department of the Army provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the servicing civilian personnel unit. Your requests for reasonable accommodation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

The documents you are required to submit vary based on whether or not you are eligible for preference in federal employment. A complete description of preference categories and the associated required documents is in the Applicant Checklist (External).

As described above, your complete application includes your resume, your responses to the online questionnaire, and documents which prove your eligibility to apply. If you fail to provide these documents, you will be marked as having an incomplete application package and you will not be considered any further.

Your resume:

- Your resume may be submitted in any format.
- If you submit more than one copy of your resume, only the most recent version will be reviewed. The latest timestamp will be used to determine which version of your resume is
"most recent." It is your responsibility to check the status and timestamp of all documents you submit as part of your application.

- If your resume includes a photograph or other inappropriate material or content, it will not be used to make eligibility and qualification determinations and you may not be considered for this vacancy.
- For qualifications determinations your resume must contain hours worked per week and the dates of employment (i.e., HRS per week and month/year to month/year or month/year to present). If your resume does not contain this information, your application will be marked as incomplete and you will not receive consideration for this position.

**If you are relying on your education to meet qualification requirements**: You MUST submit a copy of your transcript if you want to substitute your education for experience. If you claim qualifications based on education, and do not submit a transcript, your education will not be used in making a qualification determination and you may be found "not qualified." See: Transcripts and Licenses

If you are unable to apply online or unable to upload your supporting documents follow the directions located at: Faxing Applications and Documents The Vacancy ID is 1329301. You will need the questionnaire, View Occupational Questionnaire, to complete your faxed application

**NOTE**: Documents submitted as part of the application package, to include supplemental documents, may be shared beyond the Human Resources Office. Some supplemental documents such as military orders and marriage certificates may contain personal information for someone other than you. You may sanitize these documents to remove another person's personal information before you submit your application. You may be asked to provide an un-sanitized version of the documents if you are selected to confirm your eligibility.

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WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:

If you provided an email address, you will receive an email message acknowledging receipt of your application. Your application package will be used to determine your eligibility, qualifications, and quality ranking for this position.

If you are determined to be ineligible or not qualified, your application will receive no further consideration.

The documents you submit must support your responses to the online questionnaire. If your application contradicts or does not support your questionnaire responses, you will receive a rating of "not qualified" or "incomplete application" and you will not receive further consideration for this job.

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