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Dairy Program

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FEDERAL MILK ORDERS 124 & 131

RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title, Series, & Grade: Auditor, MA-5101, MA 11-12 (This is not equivalent to GS pay schedule)
Vacancy Number: 19-02

Salary Range: Minimum \$45,555 - Commensurate with experience & education (includes locality adjustment)

Opening Date: April 8, 2019

Closing Date: April 29, 2019 (extended from April 22, 2019)

Duty Location: Bothell, Washington

Area of Consideration: All Market Administrator Offices and the Pacific Northwest Region (No Relocation Expenses Paid)

The objective of a Federal Milk Market Administrator's office is to administer the terms and provisions of regulations referred to as a Federal milk order. Federal milk orders establish minimum prices that regulated dairy plants and milk handlers must pay Grade A dairy farmers for milk, based on how the milk is used. The milk order requires that these payments be pooled so that dairy farmers under an order are paid an average price for their milk, regardless of how it is used.

Primary Duties of the Position:

Conduct on-site audits of milk processing plants, manufacturing plants, and cooperative associations to verify compliance with Federal milk order provisions. Specific responsibilities include:

- Examining financial, cost, and operational records.
- Investigating and documenting unusual findings and instances of non-compliance with the Federal order.
- Preparing written reports documenting audit findings and recommendations.
- Utilizing a laptop computer to input necessary data and preparing a final analysis of audit findings.
- Representing the Market Administrator's office in contacts with the dairy industry.

Qualification Requirements:

- Applicants must have received a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, mathematics, dairy or food science or agricultural economics with at least nine semester hours in accounting; or, a bachelor's degree in any other field with at least 15 semester hours in accounting. Semester hours in investigative or research courses may be substituted for accounting.
- Applicants who do not have a degree must have the appropriate semester or quarter hours described above and experience that, when combined with the education, would equal a four-year course of study.

The required amount of experience and education will not in itself be accepted as proof of qualification for the position. The candidate's record of experience must demonstrate that the candidate possesses the ability to perform the duties of the position. **A copy of your unofficial college transcript is required when applying for the position.**

Evaluation Criteria:

Candidates who meet the requirements described above will be evaluated on the following criteria to determine the best qualified:

- Knowledge of financial reporting systems and accounting procedures with the ability to analyze data and draw factual conclusions; and knowledge of the terms and provisions of Federal milk orders.
- Ability to communicate in an effective and professional manner, both in written and oral presentation.
- Proficiency in word processing, spreadsheet, and/or database software.

Special Requirements:

- Must be a United States citizen.
- Local and out-of-town travel required. (Mileage, per diem, and lodging paid)
- Must be a licensed driver with own transportation.
- Medical examination required.
- Males born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service.
- Subject to satisfactory completion of one-year probationary period.

Application Procedures:

Complete applications must be received or postmarked by **April 29, 2019**. Applicants must submit copies of their unofficial college transcripts, a cover letter and detailed resume, which includes personal contact information, education history, work history, and military history. Please submit all requested information by email to admindept@fmmaseattle.com, or mail to the attention of Joanna Day, Federal Milk Market Administrator, 1930 - 220th Street S.E., Suite 102, Bothell, WA 98021.

To claim veterans' preference, veterans are required to provide a copy of their DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from active Duty. Veterans with service-connected disability and others claiming 10-point preference are required to submit form SF-15, Application for 10-point Veterans' Preference. (Standard forms may be downloaded at OPM's website <http://www.opm.gov/forms/standard-forms/>.)

These documents are required & must be submitted when applying for the position in order to receive veterans' preference consideration.

Failure to submit all required documents will result in elimination from consideration. All application material must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by the closing date.

Federal Benefits:

Eligibility for benefits depends on the type of appointment and work schedule. They include: retirement plan, health and life insurance, Thrift Savings Plan (Government 401(k)) with matching contributions, holidays, vacation & sick leave. Optional programs include: dental and vision insurance, flexible spending accounts (health and dependent care), long term care insurance, telework eligible, and mass transit/van pool reimbursement.

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