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Job Title: Research Entomologist/Chemist/Biologist - (Postdoctoral Research Associate)

Department: Department Of Agriculture

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Job Announcement Number: RA-11-053-L

SALARY RANGE: \$62,467.00 - \$81,204.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Thursday, March 10, 2011 to Friday, March 09, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0414
1320
0401-11/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full-Time Temporary position not to exceed 2 years with a possible extension up to 2 years

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Kearneysville, WV

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Applications will be accepted from both US Citizens and Non-Citizens as allowed by appropriations and statute. For more information on citizenship restrictions log onto:
<http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/hrd/jobs/VISA/Countries.htm>

JOB SUMMARY:

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the United States Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency and one of the world's premiere scientific organizations. ARS Postdoctoral Research Associates are hired to supplement a lead scientist's research on agricultural problems of high national priority affecting American agriculture.

****ANNOUNCEMENT IS OPENED UNTIL FILLED OR March 9, 2012****

Duties

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Additional Duty Location Info:

1 vacancy - Kearneysville, WV

Conduct semiochemical isolation and identification using gas chromatography-electroantennogram detection (GC-EAD) and other appropriate analytical techniques, chemical analysis, synthesis, and laboratory-, semi-field, and field-based behavioral bioassays to develop effective season-long detection, monitoring, and management tools for the invasive Brown Marmorated stink bug (BMSB).

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QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

This position requires a Ph.D in Entomology, Chemistry or Biology or a related field of study that has equipped the applicant with the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Knowledge of GC-EAD is desirable.

Skills in GC, GC-MS Laboratory and field behavior bioassay are essential.

Applicants must meet basic Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standard's requirements of the scientific discipline necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position.

This position has a positive education requirement. You must submit a copy of your academic transcripts OR a list of college courses with credit hours, dates completed, and grades received to verify education when applying for this position. If this information is not provided, your education may not be appropriately evaluated and you may lose consideration for this position. If you are selected for this position, you will have to provide an official copy of your transcripts prior to entering on duty. Application materials will not be returned.

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the above

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Agency Information:

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requirements if you can show that the foreign education is comparable to that received in an accredited educational institution in the United States. It is your responsibility to provide such evidence when applying. Please visit the Office of Personnel Management's website at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-II/s22-e4.htm#e4a> for additional information on this topic.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

Your application will be evaluated to determine if you meet eligibility and minimum qualification requirements, and on the extent to which your application shows that you possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) associated with the position as defined above under "Qualifications".

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BENEFITS:

A Benefits Package will be authorized for appointments made for a period of one year or more. Additional information about Federal benefits can be obtained at www.usajobs.opm.gov/ei61.asp

OTHER INFORMATION:

Relocation and Other Incentives:

Payment of relocation expenses and other incentives will be determined in accordance with P&P 412.5, Recruitment and Retention Incentives and Other Special Pay, Sections 6 and 7, as amended by Bulletins 03-402 and 05-412.5, which may be found at <http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/ppweb/Bulletins/05-412-5.pdf>. See also http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/hrd/staffing_recruit/reloweb.htm.

Veteran's Preference:

For further details, call the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at 703-724-1850 or TDD 978-461-8404. Select General Information on the Federal Employment Policies and Procedures, and then Veteran's Preference and Special Appointing Authorities for Veterans. Visit their VetGuide website at <http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vetguide.asp>.

False Statements: If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; may be fired after beginning work; or may be fined or jailed.

Optional Form 306, (Declaration for Federal Employment):

If you are selected for this position, you will be required to complete this form before an offer may be made.

Selective Service System:

Males over age 18 who were born after December 31, 1959, must have registered with the Selective Service System (or have an exemption) to be eligible for Federal employment.

ARS Reasonable Accommodation Contact Information:

If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, or have questions regarding reasonable accommodation and/or accessibility for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact the Disability Program Manager on 202-720-6161 or through the DC Relay Service on 202-855-1234 (TDD).

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HOW TO APPLY:

Applications may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the individual stated under 'Contact Information' below.

If sending your application as an attachment to an e-mail, do not send zipped files. They will be removed in accordance with standard electronic security procedures.

If application packages do not contain all of the requested information, you may lose consideration for the job. To help you ensure your application fully outlines your qualifications and eligibility for this position, please submit the following documentation as appropriate. Some of the items listed may not apply to you.

NOTE: Applications received in postage paid government envelopes will not be

considered.

APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

___ Optional Form 612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), Resume, Curriculum Vitae, or other document outlining your qualifications (Go to <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp> and scroll down to obtain the OF-612).

The following information is required of all applicants:

___ Announcement number, title, and grade(s) of the position

___ Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)

___ Indicate country of citizenship (if not using the OF-612)

___ Copy of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) (only if claiming veteran's preference) (Visit the following web site for additional information: <http://www.opm.gov/employ/veterans/html/vetguide.asp>)

___ SF-15 (Application for 10-point Veteran's Preference) plus the support documentation required by this form (if claiming 10-point veteran's preference) (Go to the web site at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.asp> to obtain form.)

___ Paid and non-paid work experience related to the position. For each period of work experience include:

___ Job title

___ Series/grade (if Federal employment)

___ Duties and accomplishments

___ Employer's name and address

___ Supervisor's name and contact information

___ Starting and ending dates of employment (at least month/year)

___ Number of hours worked per week

___ Salary

___ Indicate if we may contact current supervisor/employer

___ Other job related information, such as training courses (title & year); skills (e.g., other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, etc.)

___ Certificates/licenses (current)

___ Honors, awards, and special accomplishments

___ Copy of college transcripts (if qualifying all or in part on the basis of education for this position) (If you have non-conventional education, e.g., foreign study, continuing education units, life experience, etc., go to the web site at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-11/s2-e4.htm#e4a> and look under the heading "Other Education" for information governing acceptability of this type of education.)

As an Applicant for a Postdoctoral Research Associate Position, you must also submit the following:

___ A one-page abstract of Ph.D. dissertation

___ A resume of any honors or awards received; memberships in professional or honor societies; invitations to make presentations at scientific/technical meetings; scientific society office and committee assignments; presentations (other than invitations); and publications.

___ A list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of persons familiar with your stature, contributions, and recognition.

If this is your first time applying for a federal job, or if you wish to view more detailed information about various aspects of applying for federal jobs, go to <http://www.usajobs.gov/infocenter/>.

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WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:

Applications will be received and reviewed for consideration until a selection has been made.

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