UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

DRUG LAB – DRUG ANALYSIS TECHNICIAN

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER 16-WAW-03

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE October 19, 2015

CLOSING DATE November 1, 2015

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office for the Western District of Washington is accepting applications for a Drug Lab / Drug Analysis Technician. There are five offices within the district: Seattle, Tacoma, Tukwila, Everett, and Vancouver. The assignment to a duty station is at the discretion of the Chief. This position is responsible for assisting in the drug lab in Seattle and drug testing at the Seattle and Tacoma courthouses and field offices.

The Drug Analysis Technician provides technical support services to officers throughout the district in the area of urine observation, collection and distribution from defendants of the same gender.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

- Observe collection of urine samples from defendants of the same gender and maintain appropriate records. Collect and distribute test results to appropriate staff members. Enter testing data into database on a regular basis.
- Perform chemical analysis for detection of controlled substances on all samples taken within the district.
- Assist in the district's on-site drug lab. Perform initial confirmation procedures on positive specimens as required. Send positive specimens to national contract laboratory for confirmation when situation requires. Coordinate transfer of specimens through chain of custody procedure and provide confirmation to officer.
- Maintain current knowledge of drug use trends and testing procedures for newer / designer drugs.
- Records information for reports and investigations related to drug testing. Prepares reports in support of the drug testing program.
- Maintains the urinalysis program, including supplies, billings, testing equipment and testing schedules.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have at least three years of progressively responsible clerical or administrative experience. Experience in a legal environment is desired. Other requirements include:

- applicant must be *male gender* in order to collect urine from defendants of the same gender (bona fide occupational qualification (BFOQ);
- high school diploma, or equivalent;
- attention to detail and accurate data entry skills;
- ability to work under strict deadlines;
- skill in learning and applying chain of custody procedures pertaining to urine collection;
- strong communication and interpersonal skills.

SALARY RANGE	Court Personnel System Classification Level: CL23, Step 1 – 61, $33,773 - $54,895 CL24, Step 1 – 61, $37,404 - $60,792 Depending on experience and qualifications
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS	Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and current resume to: Human Resources (#16-WAW-03) U. S. District Court 700 Stewart Street, Suite 2218 Seattle, WA 98101 or via e-mail (Word or Acrobat .pdf format) to: seattle_personnel@wawd.uscourts.gov Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense. Qualified applicants selected for interviews will be tested. The United States District Court requires employees to follow a code of conduct which is available upon request. Reference checks with current and former employers will be conducted on top candidates. A background investigation with law enforcement agencies, including fingerprint and criminal record checks, will be conducted as a condition of employment. Any applicant selected for a position will be hired provisionally pending successful completion of the investigation. Unsatisfactory results may result in termination of employment. The Federal Financial Management Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages. The Court provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please notify human resources. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case by case basis. The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the announcement, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice. In the event that a position becomes vacant in a similar classification, within a reasonable time from the original announcement, management may elect to select a candidate from the applicants who responded to the original announcement without posting the position. More than one position may be filled from this announcement.
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