COMPETITIVE
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ABERDEEN AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
FEDERAL BUILDING, RM. 309, 115-4TH AVENUE S.E.
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA 57401

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June 14, 2006

POSITION: Environmental Engineer
(KI9926)

LOCATION: Michigan OEH Field Office
Sanitation Facilities Construction
Rhinelander District Office
Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

SALARY: GS-819-5, $32,755 OR
GS-819-7, $40,569 OR
GS-819-9, $49,632 Per Annum

VACANCY NUMBER: NP-06-0068-KI-DEU

OPENING DATE: June 19, 2006

CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applications and related documents must be received at the above address postmarked by the closing date of this announcement. For information contact DORIS BYINGTON at (605) 226-7399. All applications are subject to retention; no requests for copies will be honored. FAX NUMBER: (605) 226-7668 (NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR UNSUCCESSFUL TRANSMISSIONS). Applications by e-mail will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application.

E-MAIL TO: doris.byington@ihs.gov

APPOINTMENT: XX Permanent
__Not-To-Exceed The
applicant selected for this
timeframes.

___No Preference
___Preference IN FILLING VACANCIES IS GIVEN TO QUALIFIED INDIAN CANDIDATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDIAN PREFERENCE ACT (TITLE 25, U.S.C. CODE, SECTION 472 AND 473). THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY, IHS CIRCULAR NO. 95-11, IN PLACE WHICH IT DISSEMINATES TO ITS EMPLOYEES.

WHO MAY APPLY: Any U.S. Citizen.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: As an environmental engineer stationed in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan at the Sault Ste Marie Field Office, incumbent works under the guidance of the Sault Sainte Marie Senior Field Engineer to perform most engineering tasks required for the design of individual and community sanitation facilities including water supply and distribution, sewage collection and treatment and solid waste collection and disposal methods. This shall consist of: collecting and analyzing data on local water distribution systems, water storage facilities, sewage or waste treatment systems for design of new construction or improvements to existing facilities (soil testing, slope and earth pressures, chemical nature of waste or water and specific requirements with respect to physical factors, etc.), completion of field date collection surveys using electronic total station and data collector, utilizing the PC and CADD software to complete facility design, prepares concept, preliminary and final design analyses, drawings, quantity estimates, outline and project specifications, considering needs of the user, space, capacities, and economy, prepares technical specifications of construction materials, estimate type, capacity, and cost of construction, equipment, and materials. Other duties as assigned.
QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must meet qualification standards as specified in OPM Operating Manual (Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions):

Basic Requirements:

A. Degree: professional engineering. To be acceptable, the curriculum must: (1) be in a school of engineering with at least one curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum; or (2) include 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) statics, 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 or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics, or electronics.

OR

B. Combination of education and experience--college-level education, training, and/or technical experience 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. The adequacy of such background must be demonstrated by one of the following:

1. Professional registration--Current registration as a professional engineer by any State, the District of Columbia, Guam, or Puerto Rico. Absent other means of qualifying under this standard, those applicants who achieved such registration by means other than written test (e.g., State grandfather or eminence provisions) are eligible only for positions that are within or closely related to the specialty field of their registration. For example, an applicant who attains registration through a State Board's eminence provision as a manufacturing engineer typically would be rated eligible only for manufacturing engineering positions.

2. Written Test- Evidence of having successfully passed the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) examination, or the written test required for professional registration, which is administered by the Boards of Engineering Examiners in the various States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Applicants who have passed the EIT examination and have completed all the requirements for either (a) a bachelor's degree in engineering technology (BET) from an accredited college of 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 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) may be rated eligible for certain engineering positions at GS-5. Eligibility is limited to positions that are within or closely related to the specialty field of the engineering technology program. Applicants for positions that involve highly technical research, development, or similar functions requiring an advanced level of competence in basic science must meet the basic requirements in paragraph A.

Because of the diversity in kind and quality of BET programs, graduates of other BET programs are required to complete at least 1 year of additional education or highly technical work experience of such nature as to provide reasonable assurance of the possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for professional engineering competence. The adequacy of this background must be demonstrated by passing the EIT examination.

3. Specified academic courses--Successful completion of at least 60 semester hours of courses in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences and in engineering that included the courses specified in the basic requirements. The courses must be fully acceptable toward meeting the requirements of a professional engineering curriculum as described in paragraph A.

4. Related curriculum--Successful completion of a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering technology or in an appropriate professional field, e.g., physics, chemistry, architecture, computer science, mathematics, hydrology, or geology, may be accepted in lieu of a degree in engineering, provided the applicant has had at least 1 year of professional engineering experience acquired under professional engineering supervision and guidance. Ordinarily there should be either an established plan of intensive training to develop professional engineering competence, or several years of prior professional engineering-type experience, e.g., in interdisciplinary positions. (The above examples of related curricula are not all-inclusive.)

Note: An applicant who meets the basic requirements as specified in A or B above may qualify for positions in any branch of engineering unless selective factors indicate otherwise, or unless he/she qualifies under the provisions of B.2 related to the EIT examination or BET degree.

Additional Experience and Training Provisions for Graduates of Professional Engineering Curricula:

a. Superior academic achievement at the baccalaureate level in a professional engineering curriculum is qualifying for GS-7.

b. Individuals can be converted non-competitively to a GS-7 position if they complete all the requirements of a Federal baccalaureate level student-trainee program, including 1040 hours of work experience, 320 hours of which was at the GS-5 level.

c. A combination of superior academic achievement and 1 year of appropriate professional experience is qualifying at GS-9.

d. Applicants with an engineering degree who have appropriate experience as a technician equivalent to grade GS-5 or higher may have such experience credited for grade GS-7 only on a month-for-month basis up to a maximum of 12 months.
e. Successful completion of a 5-year program of study of at least 160 semester hours leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering is qualifying at GS-7. Completion of such a program and 1 year of appropriate professional experience is qualifying at grade GS-9.

**Definition of Professional Engineering Experience:** The professional engineering experience required for grades GS-7 and above is defined as non-routine engineering work that required and was characterized by (1) professional knowledge of engineering; (2) professional ability to apply such knowledge to engineering problems; and (3) positive and continuing development of professional knowledge and ability.

Professional knowledge of engineering is defined as the comprehensive, in-depth knowledge of mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences applicable to a specialty field of engineering that characterizes a full 4-year professional engineering curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree, or the equivalent.

Professional ability to apply engineering knowledge is defined as the ability to (a) apply fundamental and diversified professional engineering concepts, theories, and practices to achieve engineering objectives with versatility, judgment, and perception; (b) adapt and apply methods and techniques of related scientific disciplines; and (c) organize, analyze, interpret, and evaluate scientific data in the solution of engineering problems.

In some situations, experience may be creditable even if it is not clearly professional engineering work. In such cases, the experience must have been preceded by prior responsible professional engineering experience and must contribute directly and significantly to the applicant's engineering competence. For example, an engineer might be assigned to a management-type position in preparation for assumption of higher-level responsibilities in engineering project or program management.

**GS-5: Basic Degree requirements.**
GS-7: One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-5 grade level.
GS-9: One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-7 grade level.

**Specialized Experience:** Knowledge of professional environmental engineering concepts, principles, and practices applicable to the full range of engineering duties concerned with the operation, maintenance, design and layout of community and domestic waste treatment facilities, pumping stations, sewer systems and water supply, distribution and storage facilities or solid waste disposal facilities.

Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements. Applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements and selective factors described in this announcement will be further evaluated by determining the extent to which their work or related experience, education, training, awards, outside activities, and performance appraisal, etc., indicate they possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities described below. All applicants should provide clear, concise examples that show level of accomplishment or degree to which they possess the KSA's either on their application/resume or as a separate attachment. The information provided will be used to determine the "best qualified" candidates.

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE - KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

2. Knowledge of environmental engineering concepts, principles and practices applicable to the full range of engineering duties concerned with the design.
3. Knowledge of operation and maintenance problems peculiar to small, but comprehensive, water, sewerage, and solid waste facilities.
4. Knowledge of construction engineering concepts and practices applicable to sanitation facilities construction such as: A) Electronic Surveying, B) Soils, and C) Materials.
5. Ability to communicate effectively, both written and orally, with Technical staff, management and tribal groups.

**LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must meet time-after competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, if applicable.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit their applications to the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service, Division of Personnel Management, Federal Building, RM. 309, 115-4th Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE ALL THE APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:**

All applicants MUST submit the OF-306 Form (Declaration for Federal Employment).

1. Applicants may submit ONE of the following: a) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; b) Resume; or c) any other written application format.
2. Current Performance Rating, if available.
3. If you wish to substitute appropriate education for experience, you MUST submit your transcripts along with your application. If your education is appropriate for the position being filled then your education may be substituted for experience.
4. For current or former Federal employees, a copy of your latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50B).
5. **VETERAN'S PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION:** Form DD-214 indicating discharge and or Form SF-15, claiming 10 point preference. *No preference will be allowed unless a copy of the DD-214 is attached to the application.*

**EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:**
IHS provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify Alice LaFontaine, Selective Placement Officer, at (605) 226-7213. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS CANDIDATES:** Applicants should submit the following:
1. Copy of resume or curriculum vitae showing work experience, dates of employment, names and addresses of supervisors, include any education and other information reflecting individual qualifications for consideration.

Commissioned Corp Applicants claiming Indian Preference must submit BIA form 4432 and will be evaluated against existing applicable standards.

INFORMATION REQUIRED ON RESUMES AND OTHER APPLICATION FORMATS: Resumes or other application formats must contain all of the information listed below in sufficient detail to enable the Personnel Office to make a determination that you have the required qualifications for the position. Failure to include any of the information listed below may result in loss of consideration for this position. Additional information will not be solicited by this office.

- Announcement Number, Title, and Grade of the job for which you are applying.
- Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day/evening telephone numbers (with area codes).
- Social Security Number
- Country of citizenship
- Veteran's preference
- Highest Federal Civilian Grade held (give job series and dates held).
- High School - Name, City, State (with zip code), and date of diploma or GED.
- Colleges and Universities - Name, City, State (with zip code), majors, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree show total semester/quarter hours earned) (Attached transcripts).
- Work experience (paid/nonpaid)-Job title (include series and if Federal job), duties, responsibilities and accomplishments (if you describe more than one type of work, i.e., carpentry and painting, or personnel and budget, write the approximate amount of time you spent doing each), employer's name and address, supervisor's name and phone number, starting and ending dates (month/year), AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, and salary (beginning/ending).
- Indicate if we may contact your current and/or former supervisor.
- Job-related training courses, skills, certificates, registrations, and licenses (current only), honors, awards, and special accomplishments.

DO NOT SUBMIT POSITION DESCRIPTIONS. All applications must be signed and dated. All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of the Division of Personnel Management and is subject to verification. Careful consideration should be given to the information provided, fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and or determination of unsuitability for Federal employment. If position is REANNOUNCED, please call the Division of Personnel Management as to status of application.

INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.

If you are currently a DHHS employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) you may be entitled to special priority selection under the DHHS Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current DHHS career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) or be a current IHS excepted appointment (with no time limits) tenure group II excepted/competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a CES and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of the DHHS. You must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.
2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you're being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of a least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by the DHHS in the same commuting area (or nationwide for IHS employees GS-09 and above) of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date & meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation etc.)
6. Meet the basic qualifications for the position, any documented selective factor, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position without undue interruption.

INFORMATION FOR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICTAP).

If you are a displaced federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation notice, a letter from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees.

A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
   1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; or
   2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or
   3. Retired with a disability and shows disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
   4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates Retirement in lieu of RIF; or
   5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option; or
6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area. OR

B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special OPM disability retirement annuity under section 8337 (h) or 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.

2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.

3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).

4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.

5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date & meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).

6. Be rated well qualified for the position including documented selective factors, quality ranking factors, physical requirements with reasonable accommodations and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.

THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.
Declaration for Federal Employment

Instructions

The information collected on this form is used to determine your acceptability for Federal and Federal contract employment and your enrollment status in the Government's Life Insurance program. You may be asked to complete this form at any time during the hiring process. Follow instructions that the agency provides. If you are selected, before you are appointed you will be asked to update your responses on this form and on other materials submitted during the application process and then to recertify that your answers are true.

All your answers must be truthful and complete. A false statement on any part of this declaration or attached forms or sheets may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you after you begin work. Also, you may be punished by a fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001).

Either type your responses on this form or print clearly in dark ink. If you need additional space, attach letter-size sheets (8.5” X 11”). Include your name, Social Security Number, and item number on each sheet. We recommend that you keep a photocopy of your completed form for your records.

Privacy Act Statement

The Office of Personnel Management is authorized to request this information under sections 1302, 3301, 3304, 3328, and 8716 of title 5, U. S. Code. Section 1104 of title 5 allows the Office of Personnel Management to delegate personnel management functions to other Federal agencies. If necessary, and usually in conjunction with another form or forms, this form may be used in conducting an investigation to determine your suitability or your ability to hold a security clearance, and it may be disclosed to authorized officials making similar, subsequent determinations.

Your Social Security Number (SSN) is needed to keep our records accurate, because other people may have the same name and birth date. Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996) asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records. Giving us your SSN or any other information is voluntary. However, if you do not give us your SSN or any other information requested, we cannot process your application. Incomplete addresses and ZIP Codes may also slow processing.

ROUTINE USES: Any disclosure of this record or information in this record is in accordance with routine uses found in System Notice OPM/GOVT-1, General Personnel Records. This system allows disclosure of information to: training facilities; organizations deciding claims for retirement, insurance, unemployment, or health benefits; officials in litigation or administrative proceedings where the Government is a party; law enforcement agencies concerning a violation of law or regulation; Federal agencies for statistical reports and studies; officials of labor organizations recognized by law in connection with representation of employees; Federal agencies or other sources requesting information for Federal agencies in connection with hiring or retaining, security clearance, security or suitability investigations, classifying jobs, contracting, or issuing licenses, grants, or other benefits; public and private organizations, including news media, which grant or publicize employee recognitions and awards; the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special Counsel, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the National Archives and Records Administration, and Congressional offices in connection with their official functions; prospective non-Federal employers concerning tenure of employment, civil service status, length of service, and the date and nature of action for separation as shown on the SF 50 (or authorized exception) of a specifically identified individual; requesting organizations or individuals concerning the home address and other relevant information on those who might have contracted an illness or been exposed to a health hazard; authorized Federal and non-Federal agencies for use in computer matching; spouses or dependent children asking whether the employee has changed from a self-and-family to a self-only health benefits enrollment; individuals working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or job for the Federal government; non-agency members of an agency’s performance or other panel; and agency-appointed representatives of employees concerning information issued to the employees about fitness-for-duty or agency-filed disability retirement procedures.

Public Burden Statement

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 5 to 30 minutes with an average of 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Reports and Forms Manager (3206-0182), Washington, DC 20415-7900. The OMB number, 3206-0182, is valid. OPM may not collect this information, and you are not required to respond, unless this number is displayed.
Selective Service Registration
If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.

7a. Are you a male born after December 31, 1959? ___ YES   ___ NO    If “NO” skip 7b and 7c. If “YES” go to 7b.
7b. Have you registered with the Selective Service System? ___ YES   ___ NO    If “NO” go to 7c.
7c. If “NO”, describe your reason(s) in item #16.

Military Service
8. Have you ever served in the United States military ___ YES  Provide information below ___ NO
   If you answered “YES,” list the branch, dates, and type of discharge for all active duty.
   If your only active duty was training in the Reserves or National Guard, answer "NO."

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Background Information
For all questions, provide all additional requested information under item 16 or on attached sheets. The circumstances of each event you list will be considered. However, in most cases you can still be considered for Federal jobs.

For questions 9, 10, and 11, your answers should include convictions resulting from a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), but omit (1) traffic fines of $300 or less, (2) any violation of law committed before your 16th birthday, (3) any violation of law committed before your 18th birthday if finally decided in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender law, (4) any conviction set aside under the Federal Youth Corrections Act or similar state law, and (5) any conviction for which the record was expunged under Federal or state law.

9. During the last 10 years, have you been convicted, been imprisoned, been on probation, or been on parole? (Includes felonies, firearms or explosives violations, misdemeanors, and all other offenses.) If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.

10. Have you been convicted by a military court-martial in the past 10 years? (If no military service, answer "NO.") If "YES", use item 16 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the military authority or court involved.

11. Are you now under charges for any violation of law? If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.

12. During the last 5 years, have you been fired from any job for any reason, did you quit after being told that you would be fired, did you leave any job by mutual agreement because of specific problems, or were you debarred from Federal employment by the Office of Personnel Management or any other Federal agency? If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, an explanation of the problem, reason for leaving, and the employer's name and address.

13. Are you delinquent on any Federal debt? (Includes delinquencies arising from Federal taxes, loans, overpayment of benefits, and other debts to the U.S. Government, plus defaults of Federally guaranteed or insured loans such as student and home mortgage loans.) If "YES," use item 16 to provide the type, length, and amount of the delinquency or default, and steps that you are taking to correct the error or repay the debt.
Declaration for Federal Employment

Additional Questions
14. Do any of your relatives work for the agency or government organization to which you are submitting this form? (Include: father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, and half sister.) If “YES,” use item 16 to provide the relative’s name, relationship, and the department, agency, or branch of the Armed Forces for which your relative works.

15. Do you receive, or have you ever applied for, retirement pay, pension, or other retired pay based on military, Federal civilian, or District of Columbia Government service?

Continuation Space / Agency Optional Questions
16. Provide details requested in items 7 through 15 and 18c in the space below or on attached sheets. Be sure to identify attached sheets with your name, Social Security Number, and item number, and to include ZIP Codes in all addresses. If any questions are printed below, please answer as instructed (these questions are specific to your position and your agency is authorized to ask them).

Certifications/Additional Questions
APPLICANT: If you are applying for a position and have not yet been selected, carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, read item 17, and complete 17a.

APPOINTEE: If you are being appointed, carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets, including any other application materials that your agency has attached to this form. If any information requires correction to be accurate as of the date you are signing, make changes on this form or the attachments and/or provide updated information on additional sheets, initialing and dating all changes and additions. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, read item 17, complete 17b, read 18, and answer 18a, 18b, and 18c as appropriate.

17. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this Declaration for Federal Employment, including any attached application materials, is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that a false or fraudulent answer to any question or item on any part of this declaration or its attachments may be grounds for not hiring me, or for firing me after I begin work, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment. I understand that any information I give may be investigated for purposes of determining eligibility for Federal employment as allowed by law or Presidential order. I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness for Federal employment by employers, schools, law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations to investigators, personnel specialists, and other authorized employees or representatives of the Federal Government. I understand that for financial or lending institutions, medical institutions, hospitals, health care professionals, and some other sources of information, a separate specific release may be needed, and I may be contacted for such a release at a later date.

17a. Applicant’s Signature: __________________________ Date __________________

17b. Appointee’s Signature: __________________________ Date __________________

18. Appointee (Only respond if you have been employed by the Federal Government before): Your elections of life insurance during previous Federal employment may affect your eligibility for life insurance during your new appointment. These questions are asked to help your personnel office make a correct determination.

18a. When did you leave your last Federal job? DATE: __/__/YYYY

18b. When you worked for the Federal Government the last time, did you waive Basic Life Insurance or any type of optional life insurance? ___ YES ___ NO ___ Don’t Know

18c. If you answered "YES" to item 18b, did you later cancel the waiver(s)? If your answer to item 18c is "NO," use item 16 to identify the type(s) of insurance for which waivers were not canceled. ___ YES ___ NO ___ Don’t Know