General Position Information

Job Title: 27932 - Chief Acquisition Officer - GS-15

Salary Range: $131,767 - $161,900 (not applicable for detailees)

Vacancy Open Period: 11/16/2017 – 12/1/2017

Position Type: Cadre, Detaillee

Who May Apply: Internal ODNI Candidates, Detailees

Division: IARPA/IARPA

Duty Location: College Park, MD

Security Clearance: TS/SCI with CI Polygraph

Travel Required: 0-25% Travel

Relocation Expenses: For new ODNI employees, reimbursement for relocation is discretionary based on availability of funds.

Job Interview Travel: Candidates from outside the Washington, D.C., area may be selected for a telephone, teleconference, or in-person interview. If selected for an in-person interview, any travel or lodging will be at the applicant’s personal expense.

Position Information

This is an opportunity for:

- An internal candidate to fill a GS-15 cadre position.
- A Federal Government employee to serve on a two-year reimbursable detail assignment in the ODNI. The detail assignment may be extended an additional year if all parties agree.

Who May Apply

Current GS employees at the same grade as the advertised position grade may apply.

Former members of the Peace Corps may be considered for ODNI employment only if five full years have elapsed since separation from the Peace Corps.

- For a cadre assignment:
  - Current ODNI permanent cadre.

- For a detailee assignment:
  - Current Federal Government employees. (Current GS employees at the same grade as the advertised position grade may apply.)
Salary Determination

- The ODNI uses a rank-in-person system in which rank is attached to the individual. A selected ODNI candidate or other Federal Government candidate will be assigned to the position at the employee's current GS grade and salary.
- A current Federal Government employee, selected for a detail, will be assigned to the position at his or her current grade and salary.

Component Mission

The Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) is an independent activity within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and is aligned with ADNI/AT&F. IARPA’s mission is to envision and lead high-risk, high-payoff research that delivers innovative technology for future overwhelming intelligence advantage. IARPA addresses cross-agency challenges, leverages expertise from across academia, industry and the IC Community, and works transition strategies and plans with other agency partners.

Major Duties and Responsibilities (MDRs)

- Ensure recognition of identified program needs to inform and begin the requirements validation process.
- Lead and integrate functional teams to analyze potential program requirements and refine program requirements and continuously coordinate with users to determine appropriate interpretation.
- Conduct advanced acquisition planning and programming to produce the acquisition and investment strategy and program plan and coordinate the acquisition through the contracting process (e.g., contracting milestones, solicitation, source selection, award, negotiation, and administration).
- Oversee the preparation, justification, and/or administration of budgets and monitor expenditures for program areas.
- Lead, plan, organize, staff, and monitor specific acquisition programs to ensure they meet cost, schedule, and performance requirements throughout the life cycle and maintain accountability for accurate and credible cost, schedule, and performance reporting.
- Establish and oversee a risk management approach to ensure program success.
- Manage ongoing working relationships and expectations with customers, stakeholders, users, and decision authorities throughout the program life cycle.
- Oversee, monitor, and approved the technical strategy against requirements.
- Ensure mission assurance (e.g. quality, maintainability, affordability, supportability, and training) for products and/or services throughout the life cycle.

Mandatory and Educational Requirements

- Expert understanding of roles and missions of enterprise (e.g., agency, department, IC) and other external factors. Superior ability to perceive organizational and political reality and expert understanding of how actions by one entity affect others to identify practical solutions for enterprise mission accomplishment.
- Superior skill to align programs with strategic goals.
• Expert understanding of the organization’s financial processes. Prepares, justifies, and administers the project/program budget. Superior ability to oversee procurement and contracting to achieve desired results; monitor expenditures and analyze cost-benefits to set priorities.
• Superior ability to develop collaborative information and expert knowledge of sharing networks and building alliances with colleagues and counterparts within and/or across the organization, the IC, other government/private organizations, or professional/technical disciplines to achieve organizational outcomes.
• Superior ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships, especially in difficult situations (e.g. when defending or critiquing a position).
• Superior ability to develop new insights into situations and applies innovative solutions to problems and to improve processes. Designs new methods and tools where established methods and procedures are inapplicable, unavailable, or ineffective.
• Superior ability to choose an approach, develop solutions, and take action consistent with IC values, available facts, constraints, and probable consequences.
• Expert understanding of the interrelationships among organizations and components of the IC.
• Superior ability to use experiences and challenges as opportunities to improve and become more effective. Pursues assignments and other developmental opportunities to stretch skills and to further professional growth. Superior ability to improve the capacity of others and the organization through mentoring, coaching, and knowledge sharing.
• Expert ability to identify, interpret, comply, and with and stay current on relevant regulations, guidelines, laws, and directives.
• Superior ability to identify and use principles, rules, and relationships to construct arguments or interpret facts, data, or other information.

**Desired Requirements**

• Experience: Managing large acquisition programs.
• Education:
  - Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Management, or technical discipline such as Engineering or Information Technology.
• Certifications/Licenses:
  - Project/Program Management Advanced/Expert Level certification or equivalent.

**Key Requirements and How To Apply**

**Internal ODNI Candidates:**

A complete application package must include:

a. **RESUME**: Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.

b. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**: Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
c. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.

d. **COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** Applications should be sent to either DNI-MSD-HR-RR-Team_B_WMA@dni.ic.gov (classified email system) or Recruitment_TeamB@dni.gov (unclassified email system). Applicants submitting via JWICS are requested to submit their materials to both joswida@dni.ic.gov (Daniel J.), mitchsl@cia.ic.gov (Stephanie M.) in lieu of the group address above. All attachments should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

Applications submitted through the classified email system should NOT contain classified information above the TS//SI/TK//NOFORN level.

**Current Federal Employees Applying for a Detail Assignment:**

Applicants from federal agencies within the Intelligence Community (IC) may be considered for this position as a reimbursable detailee, if endorsed by the employing agency. Applicants must have current TS/SCI clearances with polygraph or have the ability to obtain one. The ODNI does not conduct polygraphs or provide security clearances for detailees. **Applicants from within the IC must submit an application through the classified IC Joint Duty Program website.**

Applicants from federal agencies outside the IC must provide:

a. **WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT** from the employing agency concurring with the detail.

b. **RESUME:** Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.

c. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.

d. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.

e. **CURRENT SF-50:** Federal Government employees must provide an SF-50, “Notification of Personnel Action” to verify current federal status, position, title, grade, and organization of record.

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All Applicants:

APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST CONTAIN ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Your application MUST be received by midnight on the closing date of this announcement. Applications received after the closing date will NOT be eligible for consideration.

To verify receipt of your application package ONLY, you may call 301-243-0735.

What To Expect Next

The most highly qualified candidates will be referred to the hiring manager for further consideration and possible interview. We expect to make a selection within 30 days of the closing date of this announcement. Due to the large number of applications received, applicants will be contacted ONLY if they have been selected for an interview.

Agency Contact Information

ODNI Recruitment; Phone: 301-243-0735; Email: Recruitment_TeamB@dni.gov

Other Information

The ODNI is an equal opportunity employer and abides by applicable employment laws and regulations.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The ODNI provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities. IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Intelligence Community Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Office Representative by classified email at DNI-EEOD-RA-ACF@exchange.cia.ic.gov, by unclassified email at DNI-EEOD@dni.gov, by telephone at 301-243-0704 or by FAX at 301-243-1200. Your request for reasonable accommodation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE EEOD EMAIL ADDRESS. THIS EMAIL IS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS ONLY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE ‘HOW TO APPLY’ SECTION ABOVE.