

**A. Major Duties**

The incumbent performs limited economic analysis and research, either providing technical support to higher-grade economists, or independently performing assignments in accordance with established precedents.

Incumbent participates with higher-grade economists in defining research objectives.

Conducts specific segments of research projects according to precedented research methods or other technical approaches.

Collects and compiles data from primary and secondary sources, verifies and analyzes data, and prepares drafts of written reports.

Assignments may also require literature search, data or other information retrieval, and preparation of tables, graphs and statistical analyses and interpretations.

Performs other duties relative to the assignment.

**B. Evaluation Factors**

**1. Knowledge Required by the Position**

Professional knowledge of economic theory, principles and concepts, and conventional research and analytical methods and techniques, to perform independent assignments involving well-precedented projects, or to provide technical support to a higher grade economist.

Knowledge and skill to perform economic analysis and investigations of limited scope and complexity, which are designed to contribute to the continuing professional career development of the economist.

Knowledge of data processing techniques to carry out specific analytical and research assignments.

Knowledge of generally applied statistics and skills in fundamental mathematics to deal with numerical relationships.

**2. Supervisory Controls**

The supervisor or higher-graded economist makes assignments indicating what needs to be done, deadlines and priorities.

Incumbent consults with the supervisor or higher-grade economists on unusual or unforeseen problems.

Work is reviewed for factual and technical accuracy, its responsiveness to the economic issues, appropriate organization of written responses, methodology, sources and conformance with agency policy.

**3. Guidelines**

Specific guidelines are available and are in the form of Agency and Department policies and procedures.

Some judgment is used in the selection of the methodology most appropriate to the economic question or issue being analyzed. The supervisor or higher-grade economist is consulted in those situations where guidance is inadequate.

**4. Complexity**

Work assignments include subjects which consist of related steps and methods and which are designed to further the employee's orientation to the Agency terminology, procedures, data sources and their relationships.

The nature and time constraints of the assignments are the main variables encountered and affect the type and kind of sources consulted and the method of presentation of completed tasks.

Unusual situations are referred to the project leader or supervisor for assistance in resolving.

**5. Scope and Effect**

The purpose of the work assignments is to assist senior economists in elaborating research objectives, analyzing data, and preparing assigned segments of reports.

The completed work contributes to the completion of larger economic studies or projects.

**6. Personal Contacts**

Contacts are with other economists and support staff in the immediate and related work units. The incumbent also maintains contacts with personnel of other U.S. government agencies, international organizations, and private research groups.

**7. Purpose of Contacts**

The purpose of contacts is to obtain, exchange or transmit non-controversial factual information.

**8. Physical Demands**

The work is sedentary.

**9. Work Environment**

The work is performed in a typical office setting.

**C. Other Considerations (Check if applicable)**

- Supervisory Responsibilities (EEO Statement)
- Training Activities - Career Intern, Student Career Experience Program
- Motor Vehicle or Commercial Driver's License Required
- Pesticide Applicators License Required
- Safety/Radiological Safety Collateral Duties
- EEO Collateral Duties
- Drug Test Required
- Vaccine(s) Required
- Financial Disclosure Required
- Special Physical Requirements/Demands
- Other: