

A. Major Duties

The purpose of this position is to independently perform research and analysis assignments of moderate difficulty or to assist higher-grade economists on limited aspects of larger projects.

Conducts research and analysis of moderate scope and complexity or of average difficulty, using standard practices.

Assists a higher-grade economist in preparing plans and schedules, and conducting detailed phases of technical work as part of a research project.

Within the overall framework of established plans, the incumbent plans, outlines, and formulates the project, and plans the details necessary for carrying out the assignment.

Determines data needs, alternative sources of data, and develops procedures for data collection.

Collects, edits, analyzes, evaluates, and interprets published and unpublished data pertinent to the assignment.

Prepares reports of research results with recommendations for action, expansion of present studies, or initiation of new studies.

Performs other duties relative to the assignment.

B. Evaluation Factors

1. Knowledge Required by the Position

Professional knowledge of established economic theory, principles, concepts and conventional research to perform limited independent assignments or parts of larger projects.

Knowledge of statistical techniques and computers to carry out specific analytical research and analysis assignments.

Knowledge to analyze statistical data and to apply accepted techniques and presentation of data in tabular, chart and graphic form.

2. Supervisory Controls

The supervisor or higher-grade economist provides assignments, determines objectives, priorities and deadlines, and assists incumbent with unusual situations.

Incumbent plans and carries out the successive steps and handles problems and deviations in the work assignment in accordance with instructions, policies, previous training, or accepted professional practices.

Completed work is reviewed for technical adequacy, appropriateness, soundness, and conformance with agency policy.

3. Guidelines

Guidelines are available, but not completely applicable to the work, or have gaps in specificity.

Incumbent uses judgment in interpreting and adapting guidelines such as agency policy, regulations, etc., to specific problems.

4. Complexity

Assignments are of greater variety and involve different but established methods, techniques, etc. Incumbent must select an appropriate course of action from a variety of possible alternatives. The incumbent compiles, processes, evaluates and summarizes data used in the analysis of factors affecting the agricultural and economic status of a given subject-matter or geographic region.

5. Scope and Effect

The purpose of the work is to identify, analyze and present technical and economic information and brief analytical reports on various economic issues.

The information provided and the analyses performed serve to define economic issues and identify alternative approaches.

6. Personal Contacts

Contacts are with economists and other specialists in the agency and with professional staffs of other agencies involved in economic analysis with research work. Many of these contacts are continuing so they tend to become routine.

7. Purpose of Contacts

The purpose of contacts is to obtain or clarify information, or to further the assignment by planning and coordinating work efforts to provide 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:

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