UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
Job Announcement
(An Equal Opportunity Employer)

POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:
Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-404-5/6

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GS - 6

LOCATION OF POSITION(S): Medley, Florida – 1 Position (No relocation costs will be paid.)

CLOSING DATE: April 27, 2016

The position will be a GS-0404-5/6, 13- month term appointment. This position is available for benefits. Starting dates are negotiable but prefer to start as soon as possible. This position may be extended up to a total of 4 years.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old
- 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 be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required)
  Website: [http://www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)
- DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and/or VA letter required for applicable Veteran preference
- The OF-306 form may be obtained from address listed, or downloaded from [http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp](http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp)

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are currently a Federal employee, include a copy of the most recent performance appraisal or a statement that the rating is at least Fully Successful and the date of the rating. Additional materials not listed above (i.e. position descriptions, training certificates, etc.) may not be considered. Applicants who do not submit the required items may not be considered. Applications with all supporting documents must be submitted to the contact office and must be POSTMARKED by the CLOSING DATE of this announcement.

Interested individuals should send a resume and transcripts (if applicable) to:

CONTACT OFFICE: Robert C. Alexander, District Supervisor
USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
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**DUTIES**

This position is located in the Wildlife Services (WS) Program, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The assignment involves the performance of a wide range of duties related to management of wildlife damage, but the primary duties will be alleviating gull and vulture problems on Medley landfill.

The assignment involves working closely with private landholders and county, state, and federal officials in developing and conducting wildlife damage management activities. Harassment and limited removal of gulls and vultures causing property damage and impacting human health & safety is an important part of the program. Effective communication skills with cooperators and public are required during daily work activities and through meetings, workshops, and the news media.

Incumbent will be required to be familiar with and know how to use various devices, chemicals, tools, firearms and related equipment utilized in animal and bird damage control operations.

Prepares and submits routine and special reports regarding daily, weekly or monthly activities, observations, events and other relevant data collected.

Must demonstrate a respect for safety in all operations, including the operation of motor vehicles, firearms, control devices, and equipment.

Must have a valid State Motor Vehicle Operator’s or Commercial License, as appropriate. Operation of Government-owned or leased vehicles is required.

The incumbent will be required to work in office and in outdoor conditions. Temperature, weather and noise extremes will be encountered in the performance of the outdoor work, which is often performed in remote and primitive areas. The terrain may be uneven, rocky, or in vegetation. There may be exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. The incumbent is expected to conduct duties in a safe and orderly manner, so as not to endanger self, fellow workers, or property within which entrusted.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**
Applicants can qualify by meeting the experience or education requirements specified below:

**SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5 GRADE LEVEL:**
Applicants must have 1 year of specialized experience equivalent in level of difficulty and responsibility to the next lower level in the Federal service. This experience may have been obtained in the private or public (local, county, state, Federal) sectors.
Examples of qualifying experience include, but are not limited to:

- Use damage control techniques (including, but not limited to) predator, rodent and bird control toxicants, techniques, traps, snares and formulating scents and baits
- Prepare reports regarding activities, observations, events, and other relevant data collected
- Train on the control methods, procedures, technical aspects, and objectives used for wildlife damage control
- Inspect and survey areas with the ability to recognize various wildlife
- Meeting and communicating with individuals or groups
- Recognize habits, characteristics, and habitats occupied by a variety of wildlife species

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-6 GRADE LEVEL:
Applicants must have 1 year of specialized experience equivalent in level of difficulty and responsibility to the GS-5 level in the Federal service. This experience may have been obtained in the private or public (local, county, state, Federal) sectors.

Examples of qualifying experience include, but are not limited to:

- Technical experience trapping various species in urban, suburban and rural environments, including furbearers, small mammals, reptiles, and birds and familiarity using various traps to capture these animals and with little or no direction or supervision
- Experience using a variety of non-lethal and lethal control techniques to reduce bird and mammal activity
- Proficiency and safety in using a variety of firearms to remove damaging wildlife when necessary
- Experience maintaining contacts and developing working relationships with various parties, including but not limited to farmers, businesses, land owners, airports, natural resource managers, pest management, civil engineering, and other federal agencies
- Experience collecting scientific data and utilizing various computer software programs to manage, analyze and present the data that would include; word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation and GIS software

OR

EDUCATION SUBSTITUTION AT THE GS-5/6 GRADE LEVEL:

GS-5: Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study, or at least 24 semester hours, in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics, with at least 6 semester hours in wildlife.
GS-6: Successful completion of eighteen (18) semester hours of related graduate education obtained from an accredited college or university. Qualifying graduate courses include: agribusiness, agricultural chemistry, agricultural development, agricultural economics, agricultural education, animal breeding, animal genetics, animal health, animal nutrition, animal physiology, animal products, animal reproduction, animal science, animal toxicology, animal welfare, biological and agricultural engineering, beef cattle production, dairy herd management, dairy marketing, equine production, farm management, feeding management, meat science, physiology of lactation, poultry science, ruminant nutrition, swine production, and wildlife and fisheries sciences.

OR

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE AT THE GS-5/6 GRADE LEVEL:

Equivalent combinations of successful completed education and experience may be used to meet the total qualification requirements. The total percentage must equal at least 100 percent to qualify.

NOTE: APPLICANTS FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT. APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON A NEGATIVE DRUG TEST RESULT. INCUMBENTS OF THIS POSITION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TO SCREEN FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE ON AN ONGOING BASIS AFTER APPOINTMENT, AS DIRECTED.

Carrying a firearm is a condition of Employment – In the passing of the Lautenberg Amendment, Congress passed legislation which prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition. If selected you will be required to sign the form, “Inquiry for Positions Requiring Possession of Firearms,” certifying that you meet this criteria.

Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, politics, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.