DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NAVAJO AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

THIS POSITION IS LOCATED IN A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
NAO-07-MPP/ESEP-Y	10-01-06	OPEN CONTINUOUS

POSITION
Medical Technologist (Section Leader)

GRADE/SALARY
GS-644-11, *$53,238 - $67,332 PER ANNUM
***SPECIAL RATES AUTHORIZED UNDER 5 USC 5305**

LOCATION AND DUTY STATION:
Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility & Clinic, Chinle, Arizona
Crownpoint Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Crownpoint, New Mexico
Fort Defiance PHS Indian Hospital, Fort Defiance, Arizona
Gallup Indian Medical Center, Gallup, New Mexico
Kayenta PHS Indian Health Center, Kayenta, Arizona
Northern Navajo Medical Center, Shiprock, New Mexico

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: NATIONWIDE

NUMBER OF VACANCIES: Applications are being accepted from all interested parties, regardless of where they may reside, for placement in the Applicant Supply File for future referral when vacancies occur. Position may be permanent or temporary, full-time, part-time or intermittent (work only when called). SEE "How to Apply" for submission of information. If an initial or original appointment to a temporary or term appointment is made from this vacancy announcement, the original action or appointment could be extended **without** further announcement of the position.

TRAVEL/MOVING: RELOCATION EXPENSES WILL BE PAID FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.

DUTIES: Medical Technologists (Section Leader) engage in clinical laboratory work which requires professional knowledge and competence in the field of medical technology. Many medical technologists work in hospital or outpatient- clinic laboratories performing analyses of human blood, urine, and other body fluids or tissues. They produce test data for use by physicians in detecting, diagnosing, and treating diseases; most also have some responsibility for teaching medical technologist students, medical technicians, and other medical personnel in formal or informal programs. Some medical technologists have a primary assignment conducting research; evaluating, modifying, or developing new methods or revising standard methods based on the findings of investigation; inspecting and evaluating laboratory services; providing technical assistance and laboratory management consultation; developing policies and standards for the regulation of clinical laboratories; performing administrative/managerial functions; or similar duties. Some medical technologists, particularly in smaller laboratories, are generalists. Others specialize in one or more of the clinical disciplines or subdisciplines (microbiology, bacteriology, etc.) or functional areas (administration, education research) of medical technology. May be required to work on a rotational shift evenings, nights, weekends and holidays. Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: YOUR DESCRIPTION OF WORK EXPERIENCE, LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THAT YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GRADES: Candidates for all Medical Technologist positions must have successfully completed the requirements of one of the following paragraphs:

A. Degree: Medical Technology, Chemistry, or Biology that included or was supplemented by at least 16 semester hours of biologic science of which 1 course was in microbiology and 1 course was in immunology; 16 semester hours of chemistry of which 1 course was in organic or biochemistry; and 3 semester hours of college mathematics; **OR**
B. A full 4-year course of study that included or was supplemented by at least 12 months in a college or hospital-based medical technology program or medical technology school approved by a recognized accrediting organization. The professional medical technology curriculum may have consisted of a 1-year post baccalaureate certificate program or the last 1 or 2 years of a 4-year program of study culminating in a bachelor's in medical technology; **OR**

C. A combination of (1) at least 35 semester hours of biologic science, chemistry, and mathematics as described in paragraph A above and (2) additional appropriate education and/or experience, totaling 4 years. This combination of education and experience must have provided knowledge of the theories, principles, and practices of medical technology equivalent to that provided by the full 4-year course of study described in A or B above.

IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have 52 weeks of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-09 to qualify for the GS-11.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: For GS-11: Experience in diagnosis of clinical disorders, performing routine and specialized studies in the specialty (Microbiology, Hematology, etc.) solving complex diagnosis problems, modifying or adapting new methods or techniques to improve or expand services in the department. Experience overseeing various ancillary services.

SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTOR: None.

TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS: A candidate applying under the provisions of the merit promotion plan must have completed at least 52 weeks of service at the GS-09 level to qualify for the GS-11.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must meet time-after-competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements by date certificate is issued.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT: Immunization Requirement - All persons born after 12-31-56 must provide proof of immunity to Rubella and Measles. Serology testing to confirm immunity and/or immunizations will be provided free of charge. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of a vaccine, have a history of severe reaction to a vaccine, or who are currently pregnant. This applies to candidates for positions in any Service Unit for any Area Office position, which requires regular work at a Service Unit.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: Refer to OPM Operating Manual Qualification Standards Handbook, Series GS-644 for complete information. Substitution of education for experience will be made in accordance with those standards. For more complete information, contact your servicing Personnel Office. IF YOU ARE SUBSTITUTING EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE EDUCATION BY PROVIDING OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.

NOTE: Education may not be substituted for the required specialized experience at the GS-644-10 grade level.

WHO MAY APPLY: **Merit Promotion Plan (MPP) Candidates**: Applications will be accepted from status eligibles (e.g., reinstatement eligibles and current permanent employees in the competitive Federal Service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Federal Service who are entitled to Indian Preference.

Status applicants may apply under both the MPP and non-status application procedures. In this case, they must file two applications for dual consideration.

Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian Preference. Current permanent IHS Excepted Service employees and Competitive Service employees or Reinstatement eligibles entitled to Indian Preference may also apply under the provisions of the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Examining Plan. These candidates MUST indicate on their application whether their application is submitted under the IHS Excepted Examining Plan, the IHS Area Merit Promotion Plan or both.

Applications will also be accepted from individuals eligible for non-competitive appointment (e.g., applicants eligible for appointment under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, those with a 30% or more compensable service-connected disability).

Veteran's Preference: Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service, may apply.

INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERIVCES (DHHS) 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, you may be entitled to special priority selection under the DHHS Career Transition Assistant 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 limit) tenure group II excepted/competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of 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 are being 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.
4. Be currently employed by DHHS in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and 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 consideration 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 RIF separation notice, a letter from 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 whose 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 Office of Personnel Management (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 successfully 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 and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.).
6. Be rated well qualified by achieving a score of 80 on a rating scale of 70 to 100 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.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS: Commissioned Officers may indicate an interest by submitting a resume. Commissioned Corps applicants will be evaluated by the Personnel Office against the applicable Preston Standard or the Civil Service Standard, if no Preston Standard exists. These applicants must describe the experience gained in their two most recent positions and dates they occupied those positions.

In addition, Commissioned Corps applicants must also provide information regarding education, including degrees obtained and schools attended by submitting official transcripts and they must include home/work telephone numbers if this information is not contained in the resume. When required by the vacancy announcement, these applicants must provide specific information related to any knowledge, skills and abilities which are being used as selective factors. Commissioned Corps applicants may also be required to submit proof of Indian Preference and proof of possession of the appropriate license.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Evaluation will be made of Experience, Performance Appraisals, Training, Letters of Commendation, Self-Development, Awards and Outside Activities which are related to the position. To receive full credit for your qualifications, provide a narrative statement which fully describes all aspects of your background as they relate to the knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's) outlined below and show the level of accomplishments and degree of responsibility.

The KSA's in your narrative statement will be the principle basis for determining whether or not you are highly qualified for the position. Describe your qualifications in each of the following:

1. Ability to work independently in planning, organizing and maintaining an efficient departmental workflow.
2. Ability to implement new test methodologies and make sound decisions from various studies and research.

3. Ability to maintain a preventive maintenance and quality assurance program.
4. Ability to advise and consult with other health care professionals utilizing clinical laboratory theory and practice.

(SEE SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEFINITIONS.)

A copy of an official **Bureau of Indian Affairs "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS", Form 4432**, signed by the appropriate BIA official, must be submitted if the applicant claims Indian Preference. Navajo Area Indian Health Service employees claiming Indian preference need not submit the BIA Form 4432, but must state that such documentation is contained in their Official Personnel Folder.

NOTE: "Declaration for Federal Employment" (OF-306) and Addendum must be completed and submitted with original signature to determine your suitability for Federal employment, to authorize a background investigation, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Responding "yes" to any one of the two questions on the Addendum can make you ineligible for employment in this position. **If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.**

HOW & WHERE TO APPLY: All applicants must submit one of the following to the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Division of Human Resources, Post Office Box 9020, Window Rock, Arizona 86515-9020: FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ANGELA SEGAY, HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST AT 928/871-1421.

1. OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment;
2. SF-171, Application for Federal Employment;
3. *Resume; or
4. *Any other written application format; PLUS Transcript of college courses; copy of your most recent performance appraisal and any other necessary documentation pertinent to the position being filled.

***INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR 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. SPECIFICALLY, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER #8 (HIGH SCHOOL), #9 (COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES) AND #10 (WORK EXPERIENCE) WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION. FAILURE TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION.

1. Announcement Number, Title and Grade of the job for which you are applying;
2. Full Name, Mailing Address (with zip code) and Day and Evening Phone Numbers (with area codes);
3. Social Security Number;
4. Country of Citizenship;
5. Veterans' Preference Certificate - DD-214, indicating Discharge and/or SF-15 - if claiming 10-points.
6. Copy of latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, if current or prior Federal employee.
7. Highest Federal civilian grade held (give series and dates held);
8. High school - Name, City, State (zip code if known), and date of Diploma or GED.
9. Colleges and Universities - Name, City, State (zip code if known), Majors, Type and Year of any Degrees received (if no Degree show Total Semester or Quarter-Hours earned). (Attach Transcripts);
10. Work Experience (paid and nonpaid) - Job, Title, Duties and Accomplishments, Employer's Name and Address, Supervisor's Name and Phone Number, Starting and Ending Dates (month/year), Hours/Week, and Salary.
11. Indicate if we may contact your current Supervisor;
12. Job-related Training Courses, Skills, Certificates, Registrations and Licenses (current only), Honors, Awards, Special Accomplishments.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY FAX, E-MAIL OR ELECTRONIC MAIL.

NOTE: Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit only for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their preference determination, education, training, and/or experience.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION: Additional or alternate selections may be made within 90 days of the date the certificate was issued if the position becomes vacant or to fill an identical additional position in the same geographic location.

INDIAN PREFERENCE: Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. Other than the above, the IHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SELECTIVE SERVICE CERTIFICATION: If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the Federal Government, you must (Subject to certain exemptions) be registered with the Selective Service System.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SELECTION FOR POSITIONS WILL BE BASED SOLELY ON MERIT WITH NO DISCRIMINATION FOR NON-MERIT REASONS SUCH AS RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICS, MARITAL STATUS, PHYSICAL HANDICAP, AGE OR MEMBERSHIP OR NON-MEMBERSHIP IN AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION. PROMOTION OR APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE BASED ON PERSONAL

RELATIONSHIP OR OTHER TYPES OF PERSONAL FAVORITISM OR PATRONAGE.

HUMAN RESOURCES CLEARANCE DATE

EACH APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENT FORM MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED BY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER - NAO-07-MPP/ESEP-Y. ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE DUPLICATED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE SUBMISSION AS WE DO NOT HONOR REQUESTS FOR XEROX COPIES. COMPLETED FORMS WHEN SUBMITTED BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THIS PERSONNEL OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, GS-644-11

1. ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY IN PLANNING, ORGANIZING AND MAINTAINING AN EFFICIENT DEPARTMENTAL WORKFLOW. This is the ability to independently plan for daily completion of departmental bench work by assigned staff personnel, to organize the department in meeting the needs of assigned staff personnel and to maintain the department designed to promote an efficient departmental workflow for all assigned staff members. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

   What was the duration of these activities?

   Who can verify this information? (Please provide telephone number.)

2. ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT NEW TEST METHODOLOGIES AND MAKE SOUND DECISIONS FROM VARIOUS STUDIES AND RESEARCH. This is the ability to implement new test methodologies relevant to the department from years of experience and knowledge gained from general clinical laboratory bench work. This also involves making sound decisions to implement by performing various studies and research of the test methodology in question. What in your background shows you possess this knowledge?

   What was the duration of these activities?

   Who can verify this information? (Please provide telephone number.)

3. ABILITY TO MAINTIAN A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM. This is the ability to maintain a effective preventive maintenance program for all clinical laboratory equipment and an efficient quality assurance program to ensure reporting of accurate and valid patient test results. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

   What was the duration of these activities?

   Who can verify this information? (Please provide telephone number.)

4. ABILITY TO ADVISE AND CONSULT WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS UTILIZING CLINICAL LABORTORY THEORY AND PRACTICE. This is the ability to advise and consult with other health care professionals within and outside the clinical laboratory setting regarding information pertaining to results or procedures of a department and utilizing clinical laboratory theory and practice in communicating such information. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

   What was the duration of these activities?

   Who can verify this information? (Please provide telephone number.)

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that all of the statement made in the above questionnaire are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

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Signature of Applicant Date