

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES



**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:** SER-09-0057R-EHE

**OPENING DATE:** 02-02-09

**POSITION:** Construction Inspector, GS-809-6

**CLOSING DATE:** Open Until Filled

(One Full-Time, Time Limited Appointment Not-to-Exceed 24 Months)

**Re-advertised due to insufficient number of eligibles. All who applied to SER-09-0057-EHE will receive automatic consideration-updated or missing documents may be submitted if needed.**

The first Cut-off date for receipt/referral of applications to be considered for available vacant position will be 02-24-09.

**DUTY LOCATION:** Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Holton, Kansas

**STARTING SALARY:** GS-6: \$34,300 per annum

(May be adjusted on Present/Former Federal Employees)

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** None Beyond GS-6

**RELOCATION EXPENSES:** Not Authorized

**SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL:** No

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** IHS Wide

**DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:** This position is located within the service area of the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service. The primary workload pertains to the construction and inspection of water and sewer facilities serving individual Indian homes under Public Law 86-121 sanitation facilities construction projects. The following is a listing of the major activities related to this position: Facilities Construction-Incumbent will be responsible for the direction and supervision of the construction activities pertaining to the installation of water and sewer facilities serving members of the various tribes. Monitors Construction in the Field-During construction the incumbent must read and interpret plans and specifications and be able to communicate problems to his/her supervisor and construction officials. Site Evaluation-Incumbent conducts home surveys and investigations for sanitation facilities as assigned. Safety-Incumbent must assure that all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other safety standards are being followed by construction organizations and individuals. Homeowner Training-Because PL 86-121 and other related construction projects primarily provide domestic water and waste disposal facilities to families not familiar with the operation and maintenance of same, the incumbent must provide one-on-one instruction to the participating families. Surveying and Drafting-Incumbent must sketch (to scale) schematics of piping networks or other construction related activities without difficulty. Drawings must be clear and concise with legible lettering. Record Keeping-Incumbent will be required to keep a daily log of activities to document conversations and instructions given to contractors, crew members, suppliers, Indian homeowners, tribal, federal, state, and local officials. Travel-Because of the large area served by the Oklahoma City Area OEHE, a great deal of travel between project sites is required.

**INDIAN PREFERENCE:** In the filling of this position by appointment, promotion, transfer, reassignment, reinstatement, or any other personnel action, we are required by law to give absolute preference in selection to qualified Indian preference candidates. Eligibility will be determined from current Indian Health Service Policy. (See APPLICATIONS FORMS for information on how to claim Indian Preference).

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT:** Except for Indian Preference, consideration will be made without regard to any non-merit factor such as race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, politics, disabilities, marital status, age, or membership or non-membership in any employee organization.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:** Reasonable accommodation is provided to applicants with disabilities, except when so doing would impose an undue hardship on the Indian Health Service. 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 made on a case-by-case basis.

**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.

**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), from current IHS employees who are eligible for Indian Preference, and from individuals who are eligible for excepted appointment in IHS under some other authority (e.g. handicapped authority, etc.). Those MPP candidates eligible for Indian Preference, who so desire, may also apply under ESEP provisions by indicating on their application, "Consideration under both MPP and ESEP". Other than above, non-status eligibles are not included in the area of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS OF CANDIDATES MAY BE POSSIBLE WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM DATE THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBLES IS ISSUED FROM THE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT, FOR FILLING ADDITIONAL SIMILAR VACANCIES.**

**EXCEPTED SERVICE EXAMINING PLAN (ESEP) CANDIDATES** - Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian Preference who wish consideration for excepted appointment in IHS, under the authority of 5 C.F.R., Part 213, Schedule A 213,3116(B)(8).

To Claim **Veterans' Preference** – applicants must submit a copy of their DD-214 or other proof of eligibility. Veterans with service connected disability and others claiming 10 point preference, must submit a completed SF-15, “Application for 10-Point Veterans’ Preference”, with all supporting documents. For more specifics on all Veterans employment issues such as Veterans’ preference or special appointing authorities, please refer to this hyperlink: VetsInfoGuide at: <http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vetguide.asp>

**CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PLAN (CTAP) /INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION PLAN (ICTAP):**

Surplus or displaced employees covered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services CTAP program or the ICTAP program for all agencies, may apply and will be given special selection priority if determined to be eligible and well qualified. Well qualified is defined as meeting all education, experience, knowledge’s, skills & abilities (KSA’s) with a score in the above average range of a four-level crediting plan for all KSA’s. For information on how to apply and required proof of eligibility, please refer to these hyperlinks: for **CTAP** at <http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/JobAtIHS/doc/ctap.doc>, and for **ICTAP** at <http://career.psc.gov/chpublic/ictap.html>.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

1. One – Full-Time Excepted Time Limited Appointment Not-To-Exceed 24 Months. The Agency has option of extending time limited appointments for up to a maximum of four years.
2. Incumbent must possess and maintain a current state driver’s license.
3. Physical Demands: Incumbent will encounter travel, performance in dirty and muddy work areas, hot and cold temperatures, snow, rain, wind, some lifting (100 lbs. max), walking, and occasionally long hours.

**LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must meet all requirements cited in the following “qualifications required section” within 30 days after the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Excepted Service Indian Preference applicants, both those who apply under the Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) and those who are currently on permanent appointment in Indian Health Service, will be rated in accordance with the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Qualification Standards (if established). Normally, Competitive Service Indian Preference applicants will be rated in accordance with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards Handbook; however, these applicants who wish to be considered under the ESEP will be rated separately under the IHS Excepted Service Qualification Standards, or under both standards, if requested. All Non-Indian Preference applicants will be considered under OPM Qualification Standards. The two Qualification Standards are essentially the same; however, any Time-In-Grade requirements will not apply to ESEP applicants. Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

GS-6: One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-5 grade level.

**Specialized Experience:** Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA’s) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the position to be filled. Examples of qualifying specialized experience include:

- Engineering aid or technician or surveying technician performing work directly related to construction.
- Construction inspector or construction representative responsible for interpreting plans and specifications, inspecting materials and workmanship, and insuring adherence to safety requirements.
- Supervisor of craftspersons, equipment operators, or mechanics engaged in construction work, provided that the experience involved responsibility for interpreting plans and specifications and inspecting workmanship for adherence to such plans and specifications.

**SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE:** may be allowed in accordance with the Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook.

**EVALUATION METHODS:** When required by Personnel Regulations, an evaluation will also be made to the extent to which experience, education, training, self-development, outside activities, and/or awards demonstrate that basically qualified applicants possess the Ranking KSA’s described below. This will determine the *highly* qualified applicants among the *basically* qualified eligibles. Measurement of possession of the KSA’s will be accomplished through review of the Application forms, performance appraisals (MPP candidates only), the Narrative Statement related to the KSA’s, employment interviews and reference check results.

**Ranking KSA's:**

1. Knowledge to perform the technical aspects of the job in inspecting water and wastewater construction.

2. Ability to communicate clearly; both orally and in writing.
3. Ability to plan, organize and set priorities.
4. Knowledge of Public Law 86-121 and the Sanitation Facilities construction program.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS**, Southeast Region Division of Human Resources, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, 701 Market Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73114. All applications become property of the Division of Human Resources and will not be returned. Therefore, all original documents and the completed application forms should be duplicated before being submitted. **ELECTRONICALLY FILED APPLICATIONS (email attachments) WILL BE ACCEPTED. FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** We do not fax vacancy announcements. For further information or application forms contact the Oklahoma City Area Office, Division of Human Resources at 405-951-3750. Forms may also be available at nearest IHS facility. Vacancy announcements may also be downloaded from the OPM Website - USAJOBS at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> or IHS Website at <http://www.ihs.gov>. The IHS Website has current vacancy locations listed.

**EMAIL APPLICATIONS:** These applications must be sent as an email attachment to: [aoi@ihs.gov](mailto:aoi@ihs.gov). The Vacancy Announcement Number must be included in the subject line of the e-mail. Additional required forms may be sent as e-mail attachments or mailed as hard copies. Application materials provided by different means must be cross-referenced so they may be combined at the Human Resources office. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that application materials are formatted in a manner that will transmit successfully.

### **APPLICATION FORMS LISTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED AND INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED BY ANNOUNCEMENT # SER-09-0057R-EHE**

1. **The Federal Government does not require a standard application form for most jobs, but certain information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment.** Applicants must submit one of the following: (1) OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), (2) Resume, or (3) any other written application format. **For (2) and (3) see "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SOLICITED BY THIS OFFICE." section below.** Position Descriptions will not be accepted.
2. **"Declaration for Federal Employment"**- OF-306 (revised January 2001), must be fully completed and submitted with current dated 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. **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.** Form may be downloaded from: the IHS Human Resources Website at <http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/DHR/index.cfm?module=applicants>.
3. **Verification of Indian Preference:** If claiming Indian Preference, applicants must submit a copy of a properly completed and signed Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) certification form, 4432, "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS". Current employees with acceptable proof (as identified above) on file in their Official Personnel Folder are still required to submit a copy of the required BIA form 4432 with their applications. **Indian Preference will not be given unless the BIA form 4432, as previously explained, is attached to the application/resume.**
4. **Copy of latest Personnel Action (SF-50)**, if a current or former Federal Employee, or if requesting Reinstatement Eligibility, the SF-50 proof of Career or Career-Conditional Status must be submitted.
5. If claiming Veterans' Preference or eligibility for VEOA or other special appointing authority for Veterans, a copy of all DD-214 forms, one for each period of service, and if claiming 10-point Veterans' preference, a completed SF-15 with all supporting documents.
6. A copy of your most recent performance appraisal (required for current Federal employees).
7. Narrative Statement, related to the Quality Ranking Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's) as outlined in Evaluation Methods
8. A copy of college transcript(s), listing the college courses and credits earned is required in order to receive appropriate credit for education. When allowed by Qualification Standards, copies of training certificates (non-college) must be submitted for appropriate credit. Although a transcript is always preferred, a list of courses and credit hours earned is sufficient at the time of application; however, by the time of appointment an appointee must provide an official college transcript (not a copy).
9. To request CTAP/ICTAP special selection priority, you must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice, Certification of Expected Separation (CES) or Notice of Proposed Separation for declining a Directed Reassignment or Transfer of Function outside the local commuting area.

### **ADDITIONAL 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 Division of Human Resources to make a determination that you have the required qualifications for the position. Applicants for positions in some occupational series must meet certification, licensure, or registration requirements, if required by law, in addition to meeting experience and/or educational requirements. SPECIFICALLY, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER #6 (HIGH SCHOOL), #7 (COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES), #8 (WORK EXPERIENCE), AND #10 (JOB-RELATED TRAINING) 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. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SOLICITED BY THIS OFFICE.**

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. Highest Federal civilian grade held (give Job Series and Dates held).
6. High School - Name, City, State (Zip Code if known), and date of Diploma or GED.
7. College and University Credit/Degrees - 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).
8. Work Experience (paid and non-paid) - Job Title (include series and grade if Federal job), Duties and Accomplishments, Employer's Name and Address, Supervisor's Name and Phone Number, Starting and Ending Dates (month, day, and year), Hours Per Week, and Salary.
9. Indicate if we may contact your current Supervisor.
10. Job-related Training Courses, Skills, Honors, Awards, Special Accomplishments.

**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 VETERANS' PREFERENCE, INDIAN PREFERENCE, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND/OR EXPERIENCE.** All application forms are subject to verification. Therefore, careful attention should be given to the information provided. Fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and/or a determination of unsuitability for Federal employment.

**SELECTION FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDIAN PREFERENCE POLICIES OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND THE OKLAHOMA AREA. CANDIDATES, IF CLAIMING INDIAN PREFERENCE, MUST FURNISH THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION AS EXPLAINED UNDER "APPLICATION PROCEDURES" OR WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A NON-INDIAN CANDIDATE ONLY.**

RECRUITMENT CASE FILE CONTACT:

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