

**REIMBURSABLE DETAIL**  
**Center for Tobacco Products**

The Center for Tobacco Products is offering Detail opportunities for a **Health Scientist GS-0601-14**. Applicants at the GS-14 levels are encouraged to apply. The Detail is available immediately for a period of 120 days. PHS Commissioned Corps Officers may apply. A temporary promotion will not be considered.

**Bargaining Unit Status:** Bargaining Unit Position

**Office Location:**

FDA  
Center for Tobacco Products  
10903 New Hampshire Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20993

**Opening Date:** 10/22/2018

**Closing Date:** 11/2/2018

**Area of Consideration:** FDA-Wide

Created in 2009, the Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) is responsible for implementing the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. This law gives FDA authority over tobacco products by adding a new chapter to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The Tobacco Control Act gives FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products and manufacturers of those tobacco products based on the best available science, and CTP is responsible for both assessing and fostering that science-base. CTP's actions have significant public health and consumer protection impact, and are among the most important issues faced by FDA in its long and distinguished history. CTP is seeking motivated, creative people to continue building up the Center. If you are seeking to join a dynamic workplace in a relatively new organization, then bring your talents to CTP!

**Duties include:**

The selected employee will serve as a Health Scientist who supports CTP's scientific review programs and activities. The duties may include:

- Serves as a recognized expert in health sciences for the agency with responsibility for developing policy and objectives, appraising programs, and initiating requirements for health science studies. As a senior scientific expert with agency responsibility, the incumbent serves as advisor for the planning, design, implementation, and analysis of projects.
- Assignments are of such breadth as to cover complex problems in public health issues, and/or research, development and evaluations. The incumbent brings health science expertise in fields such as behavioral science, translational science, epidemiology, survey research and public health surveillance, demography, statistics, and program development and evaluation.

- Designs, oversees, implements, and conducts scientific surveys/studies or projects to identify and solve health system related problems. Identifies and analyzes public health issues and their impact on scientific operations that are critical to the public health community at large. Analyzes data utilizing new methodologies or existing techniques that have been extensively revised. Conducts major studies or continuing projects that represent an important segment of the center's primary investigative program.
- Leads scientists and program consultants in various aspects of the study or survey design process, and other study support duties including analyzing and reporting of data and data dissemination to audiences. Analyzes study or project implementation procedures for improvement. Prepares and provides timely status reports to the supervisor and management and effective guidance to staff assisting in the review. Provides advice and assistance in evaluating the methodology of past and proposed studies conducted within the program and assists subject-matter experts in the design of studies conducted within or sponsored by the program.
- Collaborates on projects/studies and coordinates efforts, as appropriate, with other program staff, other FDA Centers, other federal agencies, state and local health agencies, and private and non-private organizations.
- Provides technical advice to state and federal health agencies and to various other health-related organizations in support of the development of policies and regulations to decrease the tremendous toll of disease, disability and death caused by tobacco use in the United States.
- Provides expert advice and assistance for public health projects or studies. Consults with epidemiologists, statisticians, and public health professionals concerning on-going and established studies or other projects where extensive methodological or subject matter interpretation is required. Provides advice on programming software used in survey data and other data analyses. Provides consultation as a recognized authority in public health.
- Reviews literature to maintain current knowledge about measuring and evaluating public health capacity and performance at local, state and national levels. Develops and prepares bibliographies that identify critical issues and areas for future research. Synthesizes and interprets the relevant literature and provides analytical review of current research. Prepares scientific articles and technical reports for publication in national and international public health journals. Makes presentations to other scientific staff, federal, state and local health program managers; and other health officials and health-related organizations.

**Desired Knowledge and Skills:**

- Expert knowledge about public health systems and programs at the local, state and/or national levels. Projects and studies require knowledge of the major issues, work

processes and administrative operations of public health systems.

- Expert authoritative knowledge of public health and related sciences (e.g. behavioral science, translational science, epidemiology and statistics) to design, conduct, and analyze studies to support the development of policies and regulations to decrease the tremendous toll of disease, disability and death caused by tobacco use in the United States.
- Knowledge and skill in applying analytical methods and techniques to issues or studies concerning tobacco public health and regulatory programs.
- Expert knowledge of Federal funding mechanisms including contracts, cooperative agreements, and other contractual arrangements to perform assigned functions.
- Ability to manage projects and resources, the ability to meet project goals, and skill in planning and organizing the work of project teams to accomplish a variety of concurrent activities.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Skill in working collaboratively.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

**Application Procedure:**

Supervisory concurrence should be obtained before you apply to this Detail. The Detail opportunity is open to all candidates qualified for the GS-14 grade level or Commissioned Corps Officers (O4 and O5).

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their resume, most recent copy of SF-50, and statement of interest via email to:

Rebecca Michele Martin  
Program Analyst  
Office of Management, Center for Tobacco Products, FDA  
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If you are in a series other than the 0601 series, please send a copy of your transcripts.

Detail is reimbursable.

Travel Expenses will not be paid.

**Candidates must express interest by November 2, 2018.**

**\*This is not an official vacancy announcement under the Merit Promotion System**