

REIMBURSABLE DETAIL/TEMPORARY PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY
CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The Center for Tobacco Products, Office of the Center Director (OCD) Economics and Special Projects Branch, Economics Staff is offering a reimbursable, temporary promotion detail opportunity to Unclassified Duties (Economist), GS-0110-11. Applicants at the GS-11 level are encouraged to apply. The Detail is available immediately for a period not to exceed 120 days. U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Officers are encouraged to apply.

Position: Economist, GS-0110-11

Bargaining Unit Status: Bargaining Unit Position

Office/Duty Location: Center for Tobacco Products
Office of the Center Director (OCD)
Economics & Special Projects Branch
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Opening Date: July 12, 2021

Closing Date: July 23, 2021

Area of Consideration: FDA-Wide

On June 22, 2009, the President signed into law the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (the Tobacco Control Act) (Public Law 111-31). The Tobacco Control Act granted FDA important new authority to regulate the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products to protect the public health generally and to reduce tobacco use by minors. To carry out this responsibility, FDA established the Center for Tobacco Products (CTP).

CTP-OCD Economics and Special Projects Branch offers a mission-driven, collaborative team environment and an opportunity to work with experienced senior regulatory economists who play a critical role in tobacco policy development. This position is ideal for someone who enjoys using economic analysis to solve challenging policy questions and strives to make a difference in improving public health.

Major Duties:

The selected candidate will serve as an Economist assisting in and conducting tobacco product-related research and analysis to inform regulatory impact analyses. Some duties may include:

- Assisting in compiling, analyzing, and reporting tobacco product market trends to support and inform tobacco regulatory activities and impact analyses.
- Assisting with review of draft regulations from the perspective of regulatory and economic impact analysis, sometimes, including recommendations for action to support and inform tobacco regulations.

- Assisting in conducting tobacco-related research and analysis of economic data to inform policy decision-makers.
- Assisting with review and drafting of assigned regulatory impact analyses, using economic analysis including
 - stating the problem; hypothesizing a solution,
 - locating and collecting requisite data,
 - analyzing and interpreting information, drawing conclusions, and presenting findings.
- With guidance from supervisor, manages multiple competing work priorities, ensuring quality of analysis and writing, as well as deadlines are met.
- Performing other duties as assigned.

Qualifying specialized experience includes:

- Knowledge of economic research methods, theory, and trends sufficient to perform CTP's economic research related to health and regulatory topics—especially as applied to the areas of cost-benefit analysis needed for regulatory impact analyses.
- Knowledge of statistical procedures, econometrics, and computer methods to assist in developing solutions to analytical problems.
- Knowledge or experience in identifying problems, gathering information, drawing conclusions and recommending solutions with guidance from supervisor or higher graded economists.
- Ability to convey economic concepts orally and in writing in a concise, non-technical manner to a general audience.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Skill in working collaboratively in a team environment; and
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Application Procedure:

Supervisory concurrence is required to apply to the detail.

Applicants with one year of specialized experience at the GS-9 who meet the basic qualifications of the position may be eligible for temporary promotion.

This Detail opportunity is open to:

- Qualified candidates at the GS-11 grade level
- Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Officers.

Interested applicants should submit via email a resume, SF-50* and statement of interest to:

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Questions about the position, please contact Kimberly Witherspoon, 301-796-0639

Travel Expenses will not be paid.

Applications/resumes must be submitted by July 23, 2020.

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