



American Embassy, Manama ✧ Human Resources Office

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
MEDIA COORDINATOR**

**Announcement Number: 08-24**

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- OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates
- POSITION:** **Media Coordinator** (POSN 100120)
- OPENING DATE:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008
- CLOSING DATE:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 (or until filled)
- WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week
- SALARY:**
- For persons Ordinarily Resident (OR\*) in Bahrain: BD 8,203 per year starting salary, including allowances (position grade **FSN-07**). *Note:* The selected candidate will undergo one year of developmental training, after which s/he will be eligible for promotion to the full position grade of FSN-08.  
Applicants ordinarily resident in Bahrain must possess Bahraini government work and/or residency permits to be eligible for consideration
  - For persons Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR\*) in Bahrain: US \$ 32,864 per year (position grade **FP-07**), subject to approval by the Department of State

The American Embassy in Manama is seeking candidates for employment for the position of Media Coordinator in the Embassy's Public Affairs Office.

**BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION**

The incumbent serves as a Media Coordinator under the general guidance and direction of the Public Affairs Officer and Public Affairs Specialist. Supports and generates contacts to further media relations objectives. Develops public diplomacy programming to support the media/information portfolio and assists in carrying out information programs with Bahrain government and private sector media institutions. Serves as back-up to the Public Affairs Specialist. Manages the grant portfolio for the entire Public Affairs Section. Manages Public Diplomacy outreach programs.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact extension 2937.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

*Note: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.*

1. **Education:** A university degree is required.
2. **Experience:** At least three years of progressively responsible experience with a news organization or in media relations with a private or governmental organization or a combination of similar related experience.
3. **Language:** Fluent (Level 4) professional knowledge of spoken/written English and Arabic, including the ability to write and edit in fluent English and to translate English/Arabic and Arabic/English.
4. **Knowledge:** A thorough knowledge of Bahrain's media, political, economic, social and educational structure; of its institutions, political societies, and of key figures in the media, the military, government, culture/arts, education, labor and business. Thorough knowledge of the media/publishing profession. General knowledge of public diplomacy practices and US policy interests.
5. **Abilities & Skills:** Ability to develop and maintain extensive, productive contacts among media professionals and program related contacts at all levels. Creative ability and imagination in planning, researching, writing

and producing information materials and programs. Ability to work as a member of a team and to show flexibility under frequently changing circumstances.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, U.S. citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate addresses the required qualifications above in the application. A USEFM does not have to be residing in Bahrain to be considered, but the sponsoring officer must be officially assigned to post.

### **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of “needs improvement” or “unsatisfactory” on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Current “not ordinarily resident employees” hired under a Personal Services Agreement are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

### **TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612); **or**
2. A current resume or *curriculum vitae* that provides the same information as an OF-612; **plus**
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application;
4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above;
5. List any family members who are currently employed at the Embassy. Any omission in this area, either intentional or accidental, may be grounds for dismissal.

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

Human Resources Office  
Attention: Vacancy Announcement 08-24  
U.S. Embassy Manama-Bahrain/P.O. Box 26431/Bahrain  
Telephone: 17-242-700 /Fax: 17-242-807  
E-mail: [ManamaHRO@state.gov](mailto:ManamaHRO@state.gov)

### **\* DEFINITIONS**

**Ordinarily Resident (OR)**: A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

*All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).*

**Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)**: An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

*NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).*

**U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM)**: For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- Spouse or unmarried child at least 18 years old; and,

- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan, and either: (1) resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad; or (2) resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse;
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.
- A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008**

**The American Embassy in Manama, Bahrain provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regards to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.**

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