



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Vacancy Announcement

Position: Plant Protection Aid/ Tech

Series/Grade: GS-421-03 or 04, depending on qualifications
GS-3: \$13.47/hour; GS-4: \$15.12/hour

Location: Wallingford, CT

General: 1 vacancy
Temporary, full-time position. Actual dates of employment are
April 10 - September 21, 2012.

Schedule: 1st Week: Tuesday - Friday, 7:00am – 4:30 pm
2nd Week: Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 4:30 pm

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Plant Protection
and Quarantine

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Closing Date for Applications: **COB March 16, 2012**

Major Duties:

The incumbent will play an important role in exotic pest detection in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Primarily, the incumbent will be responsible for installing, baiting, maintaining, and collecting various traps in the field to detect the presence of exotic moths. Incumbent will also be involved in other exotic pest detection surveys including Asian Longhorned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and *Cerceris fummitipennis*. This work will require working in a variety of environments including orchards, fields, commercial businesses, storage sites, nurseries, rail yards, industrial sites, forests, ports of entry, etc. Incumbent will be responsible for collecting insect specimens and recording data. Some data collection will require the use of GPS, Microsoft Excel, and other online data management systems. Work will require extensive travel DAILY in CT/MA/RI using a government vehicle. Incumbent will work independently and as part of a team. Duties will involve routine interaction with the general public and businesses.

Basic Requirements:

Employee **must** have a valid US driver's license. Knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word are required. Employee should have experience performing the duties described above or have completed coursework at the college level that includes scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, entomology, botany, agriculture, etc.

For more information about the qualification standards, please visit the OPM web site at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm>

For more information about the position or how to apply for the position, please contact:

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