

Veterinary Medical Officer (Epidemiology)

Department Of Homeland Security-Office of Health Affairs
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Organization: This position is located in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Bio-Defense, Animal Disease and Agro-Defense Division. The Office of Health Affairs serves as the Department of Homeland Security's principal agent for all medical and public health matters. The Office of WMD and Bio-Defense lead the Department's bio-defense activities in coordination with the components and agencies of DHS and across the government.

Specific Duties: This is a multi-function position and the incumbent will be required to 1) serve as the subject matter expert (SME) to the Secretary as it relates to animal agriculture/food activities and animal disease that are related to the proper execution of responsibilities under HSPD-9; and 2) provide science and policy expertise and leadership in support of the external and Federal affairs activities of the Office of Health Affairs. Significant responsibilities will include the following:

- Develops new and modified program policies as a recognized expert in animal disease related to animal agriculture by providing authoritative management advice, guidance and analysis in the planning and execution of complex management and program related analytical studies and projects in support of veterinary and agriculture security public health policies.
- Leads development and management of programs and human resources related to animal agriculture activities and animal disease by providing the required support, coordination, and expertise to thoroughly and efficiently fulfill the OHA responsibilities under HSPD-9 and OHA mission.
- Develops, manages, and coordinates those executing synergistic programs with senior officials responsible for animal agriculture in National, State, local and private sector. These responsibilities include providing the SME to and coordination of interdisciplinary teams including representatives from the applicable Centers of Excellence, Grants and Training, University Programs, S&T Directorate, FASCC (Food and Agriculture Sector Coordinating Council), other Federal agencies and external stakeholders.
- Leads comprehensive studies and provides assessments, evaluations and recommendations on new and proposed animal disease and animal agriculture / policy initiatives, programs and operations at national and international levels. Determines viability, consistency and clarity of program policies and operational guidance and conducts in-depth reviews to determine resource levels required to accomplish programs in an efficient and effective manner.
- Represents the OHA in federal interagency efforts to develop a unified approach to animal disease and animal agriculture related guidance and strategic policy-making. Identifies and cultivates opportunities for DHS and OHA to positively influence veterinary medical public health preparedness with the Federal, State, and local governments and private sector.
- Develops policy guidance and analysis of national Homeland Security events on a 24/7 schedule with the ability to communicate with verbal and written skill to

- members of Congressional, the Executive branch and major stakeholders of critical infrastructure.
- Analyzes and advises the Director for External Affairs regarding the views of key constituent groups with equities in animal agriculture issues, ensuring that OHA policy positions reflect the input of such stakeholders.
 - Plans, tracks, organizes and analyzes legislation related to animal agriculture / issues in order to incorporate into DHS OHA medical readiness, Bio-defense and WMD planning and response initiatives.

Qualifications Required: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent at a university accredited by either: (a) the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), (b) a State Department of Education, or (c) a State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

How to Apply: All application materials must be submitted online, emailed, or faxed. Mailed or delivered applications will not be considered. The receipt of email applications will be acknowledged by an automatic email message sent from the YRCI server. Faxed applications will not be acknowledged. If you need assistance in emailing or faxing your application, please call Lillian Davis at 703-995-9622, Fax: 703-995-8522

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