EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: FORENSIC SCIENTIST

Section/Location: BCI
Richfield / Latents

Salary: $22.74/hr. to $36.59/hr.
Pay Range 12

Bargaining Unit/Civil Service Status:
Bargaining Unit 48/FOP

Application Deadline: Feb. 05, 2013

Work Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Work Days: Monday through Friday

Basic Duties:
The Ohio Attorney General’s Office is currently seeking a Forensic Scientist in the Latent Prints Unit of the Crime Laboratory for the BCI/Richfield Section. The duties of this position include but are not limited to the following:

Conducts tests on evidence (e.g., bullets, toolmarks, blood, semen or other body fluids or tissues, paints, clothing, tireprints, fingerprints, handwriting, printing devices, inks, paper, firearms, drugs, narcotics) provided by law enforcement agencies, prosecutors & courts in areas of analytical expertise (e.g., firearms, toolmarks, chemicals, forensic biology, latent fingerprints, handwriting examinations, trace evidence & DNA); develops conclusions & formulates opinions based on sound scientific analytical processes; prepares laboratory reports for use by law enforcement personnel & courts of law; performs peer review & other quality assurance duties as required; may receive, log & transport crime related evidence.

Confers with law enforcement agencies, prosecutors & courts; testifies in court concerning evidence examined & analyses performed. Assists laboratory administrators & managers in maintaining laboratory quality assurance standards & programs for the relevant forensic discipline assigned (e.g., chemistry, firearms, forensic biology, DNA, latent fingerprints, trace, documents) by preparing internal proficiency tests & administering testing procedures (e.g., distributing materials, interpreting results & making recommendations regarding; testing, training programs or remedial actions that may be in order); conducting inspections & audits (e.g., reviewing operation & compliance with accreditation standards, quality control measures & calibrations); performing peer review on the most complex cases as defined by supervisor; assisting in interpreting & advising administration on scientific procedures & findings, considering possible cause of any problems; helping to review court testimony of examiners; assisting in reviewing & evaluating manuals (i.e., policy, methods, training, etc.) & making recommendations as they relate to technical/scientific matters; assisting in reviewing proper application of equipment, and recommending equipment purchases; conducting meetings & coordinating other scientific activities, as assigned; researching & gathering information & issuing reports as assigned. Devises, implements & conducts training programs for other employees & law enforcement personnel on laboratory & criminal investigation topics (e.g., collection & preservation of chemical-type evidence, lab services, proper interpretation of lab reports); gives lectures to community groups; coordinates special projects. Researches & interprets literature on forensic laboratory analytical methods; keeps current on techniques & trends; researches & develops new analytical methods.

Miscellaneous duties related to laboratory work; performs safety related duties; performs photographic tasks; maintains & repairs analytical equipment; maintains supply lists; prepares reagents.

NOTE: A TRANSCRIPT MUST BE INCLUDED WHEN APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION. Transcripts must be in a PDF format and attached to your application before submission. They may be added to your application, in the “Attachments” section of OHMS, during the “Confirm Application” (Step 4) of the application process.

Unusual Working Conditions:
Not applicable

Pre-Employment Conditions:

External Applicants
Criminal History, Driving Record, Taxes, Polygraph, Drug Screen

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Internal Applicants
Same as external unless you are currently a Forensic Scientist.

Minimum Qualifications:
Bachelor's degree in a directly related science (e.g., chemistry, biology, forensic science, physics, health science, medical technology, etc.). The bachelor's degree and course content must meet the academic requirements of the laboratory's accrediting body.

All DNA/CODIS positions must also meet the academic requirements of the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing and/or Data Basing Laboratories.

-Or Bachelor's degree with 4 yrs. of trg. & exp. directly related to the forensic discipline, which includes one year of college level chemistry (ten semester hours, including lab hours, or equivalent), as recognized by the laboratory system director.

How To Apply:
Prior to the application deadline, apply by following the Ohio Hiring Management System (OHMS) link on this posting. The OHMS site may also be accessed at http://careers.ohio.gov/. Employees of the Attorney General's Office must have been in their current positions for at least 12 months in order to be eligible for consideration. The Attorney General's Office may fill additional, similar positions as a result of this posting.

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