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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA to Hire More Mine Inspectors *Mine Inspector Positions Available in Kentucky*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new mine inspectors by conducting on-site applicant screenings March 2 through 4, 2007, at the Pikeville College Community Technology Center, 119 College Street, Pikeville, Ky. The agency is recruiting coal mine inspectors for surface, underground and electrical positions in Elkhorn City, Hindman, Martin, Phelps, Pikeville and Whitesburg, Ky.

“MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities,” said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. “We’re looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry.”

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. Applicants for the inspector positions must be able to efficiently perform arduous duties.

Everyone attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Applicants should check the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

Applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a two-year formal training program and, at the GS-9 level, receive an annual starting salary of about \$43,000. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

Applicant screenings are scheduled as follows:

March 2, 2007 -- Testing Sessions ONLY-- No Interviews

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. EST and end at 8 a.m., when testing will begin.

Registration will begin at noon EST and end at 1 p.m., when testing will begin.

Each successful candidate will be scheduled for an interview on Saturday or Sunday morning.

March 3 and 4, 2007

Registration for all candidates will begin at 7 a.m. EST and end at 8 a.m., when testing will begin.

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