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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire mine inspectors *Positions available in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming*

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will continue its efforts to hire new coal mine inspectors by conducting applicant screenings April 20 and 21 at Carl Albert College, 1507 South McKenna, Poteau, Okla. Registration will begin at 7 and testing at 8 a.m. CDT.

Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA is recruiting coal mine inspectors for surface, underground and electrical positions in Craig, Delta and Denver, Colo.; Aztec, N.M.; McAlester, Okla.; Price, Utah; and Gillette, Wyo.

"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.

Walk-in candidates are welcome to attend the screenings on a first-come, first-served basis, and everyone should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program, should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

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