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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire new mine inspectors through screenings in Birmingham, Ala.

Metal and nonmetal general and electrical positions available in southeastern U.S.

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) seeks to hire new federal mine inspectors for positions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Puerto Rico. Applicant screenings for these metal and nonmetal positions will be held October 13 and 14 in Birmingham, Ala., at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. Interested citizens who have not previously registered via MSHA's Web site are welcome to attend, subject to space availability.

"MSHA is interested in hiring individuals who want to dedicate themselves to our mission and help us eliminate hazards that threaten working miners," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "This agency needs motivated professionals eager to help us continue to protect our nation's miners."

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to health and safety regulations. Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, the agency is recruiting inspectors for general and electrical positions in Birmingham, Ala.; Bartow, Fla.; Macon, Ga.; Lexington, Ky.; Sanford, N.C.; Columbia, S.C.; Franklin and Knoxville, Tenn.; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Everyone attending the screening 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. They should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary within the range of \$35,752 to \$68,787. 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.

The Sheraton Birmingham Hotel is located at 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. in Birmingham. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and testing will begin at 8 a.m. CDT.

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

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