



High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

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Employment Opportunity
Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Jackson, Mississippi
Closing Date: September 30, 2020

Overdose Response Strategy Analyst
Contract Salary Range \$40,000 to \$55,000

This position was established by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The person selected will be engaged as an independent contractor through the Jefferson Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Office (JPSO). The hired party will be required to sign personal services contract with Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office that will entitle the party to the salary of \$30,770 plus 30 percent, equivalent to \$40,000 per year. Funding for this position is contingent on an annually renewable federal grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The position will be based in Jackson, Mississippi. The GC HIDTA will provide no relocation expenses.

Position related travel at government expense will be required.

Applicants will be required to travel to a GC HIDTA office at their own expense for an interview.

Employment will commence upon the issuance of a secret level security clearance by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). When the clearance has been issued, an employment contract will be executed between the employee and the Gulf Coast HIDTA. This process may take as long as six to eight months to complete.

Position Summary

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) is a federally funded program under the ONDCP which provides funding, training, intelligence sharing, and analytical support to law enforcement drug operations in designated areas of the state. Each HIDTA serves as a force-multiplier in their region, leveraging resources and partnering agencies toward a common goal. The HIDTA Program has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop the Overdose Response Strategy (ORS), an initiative designed to enhance public health-public safety collaborations and to strengthen efforts to reduce drug overdose deaths across HIDTA regions. The Overdose Response Strategy Analyst (ORSA) and Public Health Analyst (PHA) work collaboratively with various local, state, and federal agencies. The ORSA and PHA gather, analyze, and disseminate vital information about substance use with a focus on actionable intelligence, trend information, and best practices for developing evidence-based responses to the opioid epidemic in their area. The posted ORSA position will be supervised by the Gulf Coast HIDTA. The ORSA will facilitate interagency, public health-public safety collaborations, and distribute drug-related intelligence throughout Mississippi and beyond.

Major Duties

- Work closely with the Public Health Analyst to facilitate collaboration between public health and public safety entities, such as data sharing, public safety-led linkage to care, naloxone distribution, and overdose spike responses.
- Establish points of contact with key federal, state, and local drug enforcement representatives to promote awareness and utilization of the ORS Network to:
 - Promote awareness of priority intelligence through coordinated meetings, trainings, and outreach opportunities
 - Coordinate the use of centralized databases for the timely exchange of information
 - Identify drug trafficking operations across jurisdictions
- Pursuant to Gulf Coast HIDTA implementation guidelines, coordinate the Felony Arrest Notification program to track drug felony arrests in Mississippi and notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies.
- Coordinate the collection and dissemination of relevant intelligence obtained from a variety of law enforcement and other sources to develop a timely and accurate picture of existing local drug markets.
- Provide strategic analytical support for HIDTA, local law enforcement, and other authorized agencies, such as but not limited to, preparing briefs, written reports, charts, graphs, and link analysis and collaborate in the production of Strategic products including the annual Threat Assessment.
- Serve as a conduit for interstate requests for information as directed.

Qualifications

- Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university, or
- Associate Arts degree from an accredited community college with 2 years experience in related field, or
- 10 years experience may be substituted for a college degree.
- Ability to communicate effectively in written and verbal form.
- Knowledge of established information collection techniques and practices.
- Ability to use computer programs and databases to load, store, manipulate and analyze various forms of information.
- Knowledge and experience in researching, fact-finding and analysis in order to uncover, identify, define, correlate and develop investigative data.
- Ability to determine relevancy of data and to deduce reasonable investigative conclusions.
- Ability to work effectively in an interagency environment with federal, state and local law enforcement.
- Must be able to obtain appropriate security clearance and be subjected to a drug test and polygraph.

How to Apply:

Forward resumes to Christopher Ortiz at 3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 1900, Metairie, LA 70002 or e-mail to ortizc@gchidta.org. Resumes should specifically address the items in this announcement.

Selection will be made without regard to race, gender or national origin.