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Electronics Technician 09

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I. INTRODUCTION

Provides specialized technical electronics support for scientific or engineering applications.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Alters and uses complex technical equipment or software, modifies and conducts complex tests on various types of equipment, and records results. Carries out all phases of maintenance, troubleshooting, installation, operation and testing of a full range of electronic systems. May participate in planning laboratory and field tests of equipment and the calibration of equipment. May provide input in the design of equipment, analyze data for applicability or advise engineers on adaptability of, or need for new design of equipment. Instructs others in proper testing and operations techniques.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

Factor 1 - Knowledge Required by the Position FL 1-6, 950 pts

Knowledge of the technical methods and specific practices of a narrow aspect of electronics engineering as they apply to assigned specialized areas and applications. Knowledge of the capabilities, limitations, operations and design characteristics of a wide variety of electronic equipment in order to determine the appropriate use and needs for adaptation or alterations as they apply to specific individual circumstances associated with various complex tests. Skill in modifying and adapting equipment sufficient to complete and execute operational testing and analyze results.

Factor 2 - Supervisory Controls FL 2-3, 275 pts

The supervisor provides general direction on the priorities and objectives for work covered by precedent and previous experience and provides more detailed guidance only for unusual or unique assignments. Work is periodically evaluated for conformity with operational and technical requirements and adherence to established practices and policies. Methods used usually are not reviewed in detail.

Factor 3 - Guidelines FL 3-3, 275 pts

Guidelines such as operational regulations and procedures, manufacturer and vendor guidance, engineering literature, handbooks, etc., are available but are not completely applicable or there are large gaps in specificity. Incumbent must properly interpret, adapt and apply the guides in making technical decisions.

Factor 4 - Complexity FL 4-4, 225 pts

Performs highly technical duties involving a range of specialized equipment which varies widely in both function and design. Judgment is required to select approaches, methods and techniques used to analyze systems and subsystems, and to identify and integrate components and instruments for their adaptation, maintenance or repair.

Factor 5 - Scope and Effect FL 5-3, 150 pts

The work involves the application of standardized technical solutions to a wide array of conventional situations in conformance with established criteria. The work supports senior technical and professional personnel and impacts on the testing, design, operations and adequacy of entire systems or complete processes.

Factor 6 - Personal Contacts FL 6-2, 25 pts

Contacts are with engineers, scientists, other technicians and support personnel within the organization or in other parts of the agency who work on the same or similar projects. Some contacts may occur outside of the agency.

Factor 7 - Purpose of Contacts FL 7-2, 50 pts

The purpose of the contacts is to interpret data and to explain its purpose and significance, to discuss technical requirements of equipment, and to resolve operating and support problems and concerns relative to the unique characteristics of the equipment.

Factor 8 - Physical Demands FL 8-2, 20 pts

The work requires some physical exertion, such as long periods of standing, recurring bending, crouching, stooping or the lifting of moderately heavy objects.

Factor 9 - Work Environment FL 9-2, 20 pts

Work involves regular and recurring moderate risks that may require the use of special safety precautions or devices. The incumbent works around machines, moving parts and other potentially hazardous items.

Total Points = 1990

This position is non-exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IV. UNIQUE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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