



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

DEPARTMENT:	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	RELEASE DATE:	Wednesday, December 26, 2007
POSITION TITLE:	Chief, California Office of Binational Border Health (POSITION PENDING SPB APPROVAL)	FINAL FILING DATE:	Thursday, January 10, 2008
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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under the administrative direction of the Directorate, Chief, California Office of Binational Border Health (COBBH) establishes policy, office direction, plans, organizes, coordinates and integrates public health program efforts to protect the health of all area residents along the California-Baja Mexico border, as well as migrant populations within California. In this capacity, the Chief oversees and directs activities to identify, monitor, control and prevent adverse health events in border communities. The Chief plays a significant role in the development of priorities, policies and practices throughout the Department to address public health issues and problems that affect the California-Mexico border populations.

The position is responsible for providing a strong leadership role in representing the Department while working with the federal government and the US/Mexico Border Health Commission (USMBHC), including the four US and six Mexican border states and the federal Office of Global Health Affairs. The incumbent is also responsible for representing the Department in highly sensitive interactions with Mexican government officials, community organizations and professional associations and for ensuring that lines of ongoing communication are established and maintained between border communities and Department leadership.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Either I

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code Section 18990.

Or III

Must be a non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch for two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code Section 18992.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

In the role of Chief, COBBH, the incumbent exercises diplomatic and cultural sensitivity, which requires the candidate to speak, read, and write in Spanish.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

CEA Level 1. Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 2 and 3. Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 4 and 5. Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and

control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors and attorneys.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)

- Strong leadership and management experience, demonstrating an ability to create a clear vision, set goals and expectations, encourage leadership, teamwork, and initiative at all levels, and uses sound judgment in managing complex and varied programs.
- Experience at the managerial level in conflict resolution associated with disagreements between and/or among multiple external stakeholders at various levels.
- Ability to manage a multidisciplinary staff.
- Demonstrated ability to advise, consult and work cooperatively with departmental, Agency and Governor's office staff and executives, as well as legislators, control agencies, federal government, private and community-based public health organizations, academia, and industry.
- Experience in the health care or public health fields, with knowledge of policies and practices addressing public health issues that affect the California-Mexico border populations.
- Ability to exercise diplomatic and cultural sensitivity which requires the ability to speak read and write in Spanish.
- Ability to travel intra- and inter-state to Mexico which requires a valid U.S. passport.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Creativity and Innovation - Applies new ways of thinking. Has the ability to solve problems, create new ideas, and develop new approaches to achieve the Department's mission.

Vision - Understands the context and mission of the Department both internal and external. Has an awareness of the Department's critical issues, anticipates and influences the future. Has the ability to organize for success; understands how to facilitate functional needs and structure to achieve strategic plans.

Credibility and Integrity - Understands internal and external customers and has a true desire to build credibility. Has a personal compass composed of clear principles and the flexibility to balance between literal adherence to rules and the use of policy as a guide. Has the ability to make decisions and be accountable for those decisions.

Teamwork - Cooperates to achieve the Department's mission, goals, and values and encourages diversity of opinions. Has the ability to enhance his/her own ability and the ability of others to contribute.

Communication - Has a clear expression of ideas, thoughts and expectations and is an active and empathic listener. Understands that people process information differently; takes initiative to build relationships; understands cultural differences.

Staff Development - Recognizes that people are the Department's most valuable resource. Can identify and define needs of the Department, attract appropriate candidates, evaluate, and select the

most qualified. Takes the time to develop and encourage staff to achieve their true potential.

In addition, to best serve both our internal and external customers, it is important that our management team understands and is sensitive to the diversity of the people we serve. The composition of our management team should also reflect diversity.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Chief, California Office of Binational Border Health (POSITION PENDING SPB APPROVAL)**, with the **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS In addition to the Standard State Application (STD. 678), all interested applicants are required to submit a Statement of Qualifications with specific information on how his/her background, knowledge, skills, and abilities meet the minimum qualifications, desirable qualifications, and desirable characteristics. The Statement of Qualifications must discuss the following critical factors:

1. Describe your leadership ability, including techniques of organizing and motivating groups and/or employees, and your ability to deal effectively with a variety of individuals, organizations, state agencies, and local governments.
2. Describe your ability and experience in planning, organizing, and directing the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff.
3. Describe your knowledge of the policies and practices addressing public health issues that affect the California-Mexico border populations. Include in your response experience in developing health policies and programs.
4. Describe your knowledge of, and experience with Mexico's political and governmental organization and protocols. Include in your response descriptions of interactions with Mexican state and federal officials as well as the outcomes of those interactions.
5. Describe an experience that demonstrates your ability to exercise diplomatic and cultural sensitivity, analyze complex problems, and recommend effective courses of action.
6. Describe your experience working with advisory boards.
7. Describe your experience with federal border health activities including your understanding of federal funding supporting border health initiatives. Include in your response your knowledge of public health trends.
8. Describe an experience that demonstrates your ability to speak, read, and write in Spanish.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Application packages postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date will not be accepted. Application packages must include two copies of the items listed below.

Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and discuss the eight critical factors listed above.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.

Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Human Resources Branch
P.O. Box 997378, MS 1701-1702, Sacramento, CA 95899-7378
Maria Lovato | (916) 324-9497 | Maria.Lovato@cdph.ca.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Application packages may also be hand-delivered to: California Department of Public Health, Human Resources Branch, 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501, Sacramento, CA.

Questions regarding the examination process should be directed to Maria Lovato at Maria.Lovato@cdph.ca.gov or at (916) 324-9497.

SPECIAL TESTING

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

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