



## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

### JOB VACANCY NOTICE

**VACANCY NUMBER: PRC 07-25**

**OPEN: January 15, 2025**

**CLOSE: February 5, 2025**

**POSITION TITLE:** ECONOMETRICIAN  
**GRADE:** PRC – 4  
**SALARY RANGE:** \$101,401 - \$156,755  
**LOCATION:** POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE  
901 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW, SUITE 200  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

**TELEWORK ELIGIBLE:** YES – ROUTINE TELEWORK POTENTIAL  
**APPOINTMENT TYPE:** PERMANENT  
**SECURITY CLEARANCE:** PUBLIC TRUST BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION  
**INFORMATION:** 1 POSITION MAY BE FILLED UNDER THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
**WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED:** OPEN TO ALL US CITIZENS  
**APPLICATION PERIOD:** 3 WEEKS OR UNTIL 150 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST

### INTRODUCTION

The Postal Regulatory Commission has an exciting employment opportunity for a highly motivated and curious person with empirical skills and interest in statistical analysis.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS AGENCY

The Postal Regulatory Commission is an independent establishment of the executive branch created by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) to provide strengthened oversight of the Postal Service. The five-member bipartisan Commission promotes high quality universal mail service for the American people by ensuring Postal Service transparency, accountability, and compliance with the law. The Commission is the primary regulator of the Postal Service and works to provide appropriate insight into postal rates, finances, and service to stakeholders and the public.

### WORK ENVIRONMENT

This position is in the Office of Accountability and Compliance (OAC). This Office is responsible for promoting United States Postal Service transparency and accountability by establishing and maintaining a modern system to regulate rates, ensuring Postal Service compliance with the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), making recommendations based on the analysis of financial reports from the Postal Service, and by preparing annual and periodic reports to Congress. The Office of Accountability and Compliance serves the Commission and Commissioners, the Postal Service, mailers, the U.S. Department of State, and the American public. This position is eligible for routine telework.

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As an Econometrician, the incumbent will perform data and statistical analysis and generate reports utilizing SAS, MS Excel



and other types of analytical software (such as Stata, E-Views, MS Power BI, Tableau, and ArcGIS) and programming languages (e.g., Python, SQL and R). Based on the analyses of economic, financial or spatial data, as well as the review of the econometric models' outputs, the incumbent will be summarizing findings and providing reports and recommendations to Division and Office leadership. The work performed involves evaluating and applying mathematical and econometric methods and techniques, assisting senior economists/econometricians in designing and developing econometric approaches, and analyzing postal economic and costing matters. The incumbent will work with the Deputy Director, Director, and other subject matter experts in the Office of Accountability and Compliance to contribute to the planning and implementation of projects concerning a broad range of economic postal matters and postal demand models. Attention to detail, ability to identify problems, to develop solutions, and to clearly communicate both verbally and in writing are crucial to the successful performance of these duties.

In addition, this individual will:

- Use advanced econometric models and theories, automated data and graphic processing techniques, to explain and predict probable patterns involving mail costs and revenues, as well as classifications and service performance for mail products.
- Apply comprehensive analytical methods or procedures to determine and measure the reliability, accuracy, and validity of data and techniques.
- Review data for source accuracy and refine into useable format. Identify and substantiate reporting disparities regarding changes, trends, or circumstances not readily evident from the data retrieved.
- Develop graphic representations of economic, financial, spatial and other data in various reports.
- Review and analyze the project data and replicate the proposed model to determine relevancy of data as well as model fit to a specific application.
- Prepare spreadsheets and documents and present project data findings and recommendations for use in the development of statistical models.
- Prepare written and oral reports based on data and statistical analysis and make quantitative information accessible to non-technical audiences.
- Review and evaluate complex data systems related to Postal Service costs, revenue, and volume.
- Replicate and audit quantitative analyses of financial and economic data and provide recommendations to senior staff based on findings.
- Assist senior management in preparing responses to information requests from Congress, the Postal Service, mailers, and/or the general public.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

To be eligible for consideration, your application materials must demonstrate that you have experience that has equipped you with the ability, skill and knowledge to successfully perform the duties of the position described above.

Successful candidates will have the following knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs):

1. Knowledge of statistical and optimization models and techniques
2. Skills in application of analytical methods, including statistical and data analysis techniques, to economic problem solving
3. Skills in data collection, analysis and visualization
4. Written communication skills
5. Verbal communication and presentation skills



6. Ability to evaluate accuracy of data, applicability of modeling approaches and reliability of the results
7. Ability to explain analytical results to groups of people, including non-technical audience
8. Research skills necessary for decision making and effective contribution on public policy issues
9. Some knowledge of microeconomic concepts and costing
10. Ability to learn about the Postal Service market, products and operations

To be eligible for consideration, your application materials must demonstrate that you have experience that has equipped you with the ability, skill, and knowledge to successfully perform the duties of the position described above. Typically, experience will be related to legal or regulatory work at a level similar to this position and may encompass paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional, philanthropic, religious, spiritual, community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

## **EDUCATION**

A. Master's or Ph.D. in a quantitative field (e.g., mathematics, statistics, engineering, business, operations research, science, economics) that included four higher level courses in quantitative analysis.

B. At least 2 years of work experience in statistical and data analysis or an equivalent combination of work experience and training that provided professional knowledge of statistical and data analysis techniques

OR

C. Bachelor's degree in quantitative fields (e.g., mathematics, statistics, engineering, business, operations research, science, economics) that included at least 12 semester hours of data and/or statistical analysis and 12 hours of economic courses or 24 semester hours of economic, data and statistical analysis combined or a relevant course work.

D. At least 4 years of work experience in statistical and data analysis or an equivalent combination of work experience and training that provided professional knowledge of statistical and data analysis techniques

## **HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED**

You will be evaluated by a screening panel based on evidence of your ability to successfully perform the duties of the position according to the qualifications outlined in this announcement. The panel will forward the appropriate candidates to the Director of Accountability and Compliance for further consideration and possible interview.

## **ETHICS REQUIREMENTS**

The Commission is committed to government ethics. As a Commission employee, you will be subject to the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch and the criminal conflict of interest statutes. Commission employees are also subject to Commission-specific ethics rules (39 C.F.R. subpart A of part 3001 and supplemental standards of ethical conduct [5 C.F.R. part 5601]). The supplemental standards prohibit Commission employees, as well as their spouses and dependent children, from owning any securities issued by entities that are identified on the Commission's annually published prohibited securities list. As an employee of the Commission, you must complete initial ethics training within three months of your appointment and, depending on your position, complete required financial disclosure forms within 30 days of your appointment.

## **BENEFITS**

A career with the U.S. Government provides employees with a comprehensive benefits package. As a federal employee, you and your family will have access to a range of benefits that are designed to make your federal career very rewarding.



For more information, visit either <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/Guide-Me/New-Prospective-Employees/> or <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/open-season/postal-service-health-benefits-pshb-program/>

You will earn annual **vacation leave**. More info: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/leave-administration/fact-sheets/annual-leave/>.

You will earn **sick leave**. More info: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/leave-administration/fact-sheets/sick-leave-general-information/>.

You will be paid for **Federal holidays** that fall within your regularly scheduled tour of duty. More info: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/federal-holidays/#url=2025>

If you are a current Federal employee, you can boost your retirement savings by participating in the [Thrift Savings Plan\(TSP\)](#). The TSP offers the same types of savings and tax benefits as a 401(k) plan.

If you use public transportation, part of your **transportation costs** may be subsidized. Our human resources office can provide additional information on this program.

You may participate in the **Flexible Spending Account (FSA)** program administered by Inspira Financial for expenses that are tax-deductible, but not reimbursed by any other source, including out-of-pocket expenses and non-covered benefits under their PSHB plans.

## CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- **Citizenship Requirement:** You must be a **U.S. citizen or national** to be eligible for this position.
- **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Status:** Exempt
- **The Postal Regulatory Commission uses e-Verify:** All new hires must complete the I-9 form, this information will be processed through e-Verify to determine employment eligibility. If a discrepancy arises, you must take affirmative steps to resolve the matter.  
  
Learn more about [E-Verify](#), including your rights and responsibilities.
- **Background Investigation Requirement:** You must successfully pass a background investigation. Failing to pass the background check may be grounds for removal or legal action. If hired, you may be subject to additional investigations at a later time.
- **Direct Deposit:** You will be required to have all federal salary payments electronically deposited into a bank account with a financial institution of your choice.
- **Selective Service Registration:** All applicants born male, on (or after) 12/31/1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System OR have an approved exemption. Visit [www.SSS.gov](http://www.SSS.gov) for more info.
- You will be required to serve a probationary period of 1 year.
- Relocation expenses are not authorized.

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

If you need reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission's HR office at [HR@prc.gov](mailto:HR@prc.gov) or Sherri Proctor at 202-789-6869. If you have a hearing impairment, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for assistance in contacting the person named above.

## EEO POLICY STATEMENT

The U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national



origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

### **VETERAN INFORMATION**

If you are claiming veterans' preference, you must submit a copy of your DD-214 (Member 4 copy), or other official documentation from a branch of the Armed Forces or the Department of Veterans Affairs showing dates of service and type of discharge. Ten-point preference eligibles must also submit an application for 10-point Veteran Preference, SF-15, along with the required documentation listed on the back of the SF-15 form. For more information on veterans' preference view [Feds Hire Vets](#).

### **LEGAL AND REGULATORY GUIDANCE**

*Social Security Number*—Your Social Security Number is requested under the authority of Executive Order 9397 to uniquely identify your records from those of other applicants who may have the same name. As allowed by law or Presidential directive, your Social Security Number is used to seek information about you from employers, schools, banks, and others who may know you. Failure to provide your Social Security Number when requested will result in your application not being processed.

*Privacy Act*—Privacy Act Notice (PL 93-579): The information requested here is used to determine qualifications for employment and is authorized under 5 U.S.C. §§ 3302 and 3361.

*Signature*—Before you are hired, you will be required to sign and certify the accuracy of the information in your application.

*False Statements*—If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be subject to fine, imprisonment, or other disciplinary action.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Receiving Service Credit or Earning Annual (Vacation) Leave:** Federal Employees earn annual leave at a rate (4, 6 or 8 hours per pay period) which is based on the number of years they have served as a federal employee. The Commission may offer Federal employee's credit for their job-related non-federal experience or active duty uniformed military service. This credited service can be used in determining the rate at which they earn annual leave. Such credit must be requested and approved prior to the appointment date and is not guaranteed.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT**

Once your online application is submitted you will receive a confirmation notification by email. After we receive the application package (including all required documents) and the vacancy announcement closes, we will review applications to ensure qualification and eligibility requirements are met. Please ensure that your application includes all required documents as we will not process applications missing a cover letter, etc. After the review is complete, the best qualified candidates will be referred to the hiring manager for further consideration and possible interview. Applicants will be notified of their status by email, referred applicants will be notified as such and may be contacted directly by the hiring office for an interview. All referred applicants will receive a final notification once a selection decision has been made.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

**Applicants must apply through the online application system [USAJOBS.gov](#). Follow the prompts to register, answer the application questionnaire and assessment, and submit all required documents.**

If you already have a USAJOBS account, click "[Apply Online](#)" and follow the prompts to attach any additional documents that may be required.

**In order for your application to be considered complete, the following documents must be submitted:**

1. **Cover Letter** (no more than two pages)



**2. Resume:**

For each position listed on your resume, you must specify the following information:

- a. Start and end dates (month/year)
- b. Description of duties
- c. If the position was Federal, you must include the grade and step for each
- d. education

**3. Current and former Federal employees:**

- a. Submit a copy of your most recent non-award SF-50, "Notice of Personnel Action" to indicate your current federal status. If the most recent SF-50 has an effective date within the past year, it may not clearly demonstrate that you possess the years of experience required for this vacancy. You must provide additional SF-50s that clearly demonstrate that you meet the years of experience required for this vacancy.
- b. The SF-50 must show your tenure, grade and step, and type of position occupied. [i.e., Excepted or Competitive]

*Performance award, Realignment, and Detail SF-50's **will not be accepted** as proof of grade or tenure.*

**4. Veterans:**

If claiming Veteran's Preference, you must submit a Member-4 copy of your DD-214

**a. Disabled Veterans**

Disabled Veterans and others eligible for 10-point preference (such as widows or mothers of eligible Veterans) must submit:

- i. SF-15 Application for 10 Point Veterans Preference
  - ii. Member-4 DD-214
  - iii. disability rating letter (if applicable)
- b. If you are currently on active duty to be released within 120 days, you may submit an armed forces certification in lieu of a Member-4 DD-214

Failure to provide this documentation will result in your application not receiving 10-point preference.

**5. Military spouse of an Active-Duty Military Member:**

- a. Marriage license
- b. A copy of your spouse's active military orders
- c. SF-15 Application for 10 Point Veterans Preference

**6. Military Spouse of Separated Veteran:**

- a. A copy of your marriage license
- b. A copy of the Member-4 DD-214
- c. A copy of your spouse's 100% service-connected disability letter OR document of death during active duty
- d. SF-15 Application for 10 Point Veterans Preference

You are not eligible for Military Spousal benefits if you were not married to the veteran at the time of death or have since remarried.

***Failure to provide required documentation will result in your application not receiving preference.***

**7. Schedule A, Persons with Disabilities:**



- a. Submit a copy of your Schedule A letter from a physician, local, state or federal rehabilitation office citing your eligibility under 5 CFR 213.3102 (u).

For more information on your eligibility, please visit: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/individuals-with-disabilities/>

**Application packages will NOT be accepted via email, mail, or fax. All applications must be received by 11:59 pm on the closing date.**

This vacancy announcement will be open from January 15, 2025 through February 5, 2025, or until 150 applications have been received, whichever occurs first. Complete application packages must be submitted at the time that you apply to receive consideration. Additional documents will not be accepted after the vacancy closes.

**For More Information**

You can obtain forms and additional information by contacting Kerry Grega at 202-789-6834 or [hr@prc.gov](mailto:hr@prc.gov).