



## OUTREACH NOTICE

### Southwest Coordination Center

#### Area Coordinator

#### GS-0462-10/11

The Southwest Coordination Center is currently seeking interested candidates for a GS-462-10/11 Area Coordinator position. This position is located at SWCC which is co-located with the US Forest Service Southwest Regional office in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico. The position serves as an Area Coordinator for the Geographic Area (Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas), and may assume the responsibility for overall Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) management during the absence of the Center Manager. Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

- Overall planning and execution of activities of the Emergency Operations/Logistics Section of the Geographic Area Coordination Center involving the intra-and inter-geographical area movement of aircraft, personnel, and equipment to wildfire and all-risk incidents.
- Establishes priorities and directs the mobilization, reassignment and demobilization of firefighting resources to incidents as deemed necessary in light of changing fire conditions and incident priorities within the geographic area.
- Provides daily supervision to support/supervisory dispatchers and other support personnel.
- Schedules and secures personnel to meet emergency needs.

This is a secondary firefighter position covered under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8336 (C) and 5 U.S.C. 8412 (D) FERS.

**Region:** The Southwestern Region consists of approximately 2,800 FTEs on 11 National Forests and 4 National Grasslands in New Mexico, Arizona, and the panhandle area of Texas and Oklahoma. The Southwestern US is one of the most diverse and rapidly growing regions of the country. In 1997, New Mexico became the first state in the continental US in which "minority groups" collectively represent over 50 percent of the state's population. This "minority-majority" demographic situation is an indication of the complexity, diversity, and opportunities that the Southwestern Region faces as it carries out its mission of "caring for the land and serving the people." The Region's programs represent the full complexity of resource management in the Forest Service, with an emphasis on customer service and contributing to the Southwestern quality of life.

**Location:** The position will be in the Regional Office, which is located in downtown Albuquerque. Albuquerque is the largest city in the state, and the metropolitan area has a population of approximately 750,000 people. The city is situated in the central Rio Grande River valley at an elevation of 5,300 feet and is at the base of the Sandia Mountains, with Sandia Peak having an elevation of over 10,000 feet. The city offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational opportunities which stem in part from its rich cultural history and physical setting. Because of its outstanding climate and its close proximity to mountain, desert, river, and alpine settings, the Albuquerque area has become a national center for year-round outdoor recreation; you can downhill ski in the morning and play golf or tennis in the afternoon during the winter months. Albuquerque has become internationally known for its Balloon Fiesta, held every fall, which hosts over 800 hot air balloons.

**Housing:** The cost of living in Albuquerque is near the national average, with the cost of an average-sized single-family home ranging from \$150,000-\$300,000. Average commute time is less than 30 minutes each way, which is below the national average.

**Climate:** Albuquerque is known for having one of the best year-round climates in the US—with four distinct seasons and 300 sunny days per year. In the summer, the days are warm and the nights are cool, with temperatures generally ranging from the 40s to the 90s, although there are some warmer days. Spring and fall temperatures are 40 to 70, and the winters are fairly mild, with temperatures ranging from the 20s to the 50s, with a few colder days. Snow is anticipated in the city only about five to ten days per year, usually clearing off by mid-morning. Albuquerque is high altitude and semi-arid, with only about eight to ten inches of precipitation a year, most coming as rain during July and August.

**Medical:** Area residents have many hospitals serving them. There are numerous medical clinics, private physicians, and other health care professionals. There are also retirement communities and nursing homes serving the area.

**Schools:** The Albuquerque Public School System serves over 87,000 students. There are 11 High Schools, 10 Alternative Schools, 26 Middle Schools, and 83 Elementary Schools. The school district also offers many programs for students with special needs. Other education offerings include many private schools, the University of New Mexico, and the Central New Mexico Community College (CNM). There is a very active Continuing Education Program offered by the University of New Mexico.

**Cultural & Recreational Opportunities:** Additionally, Albuquerque offers many city parks, golf courses, public tennis courts, public swimming pools, community centers, libraries, Senior Citizen Centers, and over 200 miles of bike routes and trails. Cultural opportunities include the Albuquerque Zoological Park, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque Museum, New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque Aquarium and Botanical Garden, Rio Grande Nature Center, Explora Science Center and Childrens' Museum, and National Atomic Museum, in addition to numerous art galleries throughout the city. Performing arts include the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, the New Mexico Children's Symphony, the New Mexico Ballet Company, the Albuquerque Little Theatre, and the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera. Traveling shows, including off-Broadway productions, perform regularly at Popejoy Hall on the University of New Mexico Campus.

**Employment:** The presence of companies such as Intel, Sandia National Labs, and Kirtland Air Force Base has made Albuquerque one of the leading technology centers in the country. In addition, General Mills and General Electric have major facilities in Albuquerque. Recently, Albuquerque was named one of

America's top 10 "Family Friendly Cities" and the "Best Multicultural Mecca" by a national family magazine.

**Transportation:** Albuquerque is served by the Albuquerque International Airport and two general aviation airports. Amtrak and bus lines also serve Albuquerque, and there is a bus system within the city that also provides transportation for those with special needs. A rapid rail system also runs from Santa Fe (north of Albuquerque) to Belen (south of Albuquerque).

**Additional Information:** visit [TUhttp://www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov)UT  
the following web sites: City  
of Albuquerque

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Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber of Commerce

Albuquerque Public Schools [TUhttp://www.aps.edu](http://www.aps.edu)UT

**This is an initial outreach and the position vacancy announcement for recruitment of individuals will be forthcoming this Spring.**

**Interested individuals should complete the attached form and send to Kenan Jaycox at [kjaycox@fs.fed.us](mailto:kjaycox@fs.fed.us)**