

# Employment Opportunities



To be considered for this position, you must fully complete a Commonwealth of Virginia Application for Employment through the on-line employment system at <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/> no later than 11:59 p.m. of the cut-off date stated in this flyer.

## Rapid Response Team Coordinator (Environmental Specialist II, Pay Band 5)

#R1294 - Richmond

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is seeking a qualified Rapid Response Team Coordinator for the Rapid Response Team within the Food Safety and Security Program. The successful candidate will be responsible for planning, directing and executing all activities under the Rapid Response Team (RRT) FDA Cooperative Agreement including all food related emergency response and foodborne illness activities; developing and implementing a RRT using the Incident Command System (ICS); providing and ensuring all necessary training to Food Safety & Security and RRT staff regarding emergency response activities and the ICS; and managing and allocating the resources and spending within the budget limits of the RRT grant. This position requires that the incumbent be able to respond to emergency situations and other possible situations during both traditional and non-traditional hours. **This is a restricted position that has been developed as part of a Cooperative Agreement with the Food and Drug Administration and will last until July 31, 2016; however, the cooperative agreement has the potential for continuation.**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Significant knowledge of food science & food safety practices & principles, food microbiology, and of relevant laws and regulations along with the demonstrated ability to interpret, apply and explain them in a clear manner. The ability to be self-motivated and to work independently as well as manage and participate in a team work environment; to perform technical science based research relative to food products and to make and support independent technical decisions; to compose relevant standard operating procedures, policies, guidelines and other documents; to effectively coordinate responses to food related emergency situations during both traditional and non-traditional work periods; and to manage, direct and enhance ongoing programs relating to emergency response. Must possess excellent interpersonal, verbal & written communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work well with the industry, the public, other regulatory agencies, and work teams during stressful situations. Solid computer skills are needed with experience using standard business applications such as MS Office & the internet. Must have and maintain a valid driver's license and a driving record that reflects a sense of responsibility for highway safety. **Prefer:** Degree in food science, biology, chemistry, biochemistry, environmental science or a related field along with current/recent practical experience in a similar position along with comprehensive knowledge of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) concepts and the Incident Command System (ICS). An equivalent combination of training and experience indicating possession of the preceding knowledge, skills and abilities may substitute for these education and experience requirements. **Hiring Salary: \$42,614 - \$60,000 annually.**

Final candidate must successfully complete a fingerprint-based criminal background check.

To be considered for this position, you must complete a state application through the on-line employment system at <https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/> by 11:59 p.m. EST/EDT on **April 29, 2016**. VDACS only accepts the state application; therefore the application must be detailed and fully completed. Resumes, cover letters, or any other types of attachment or supplement to the state application are not accepted. Not submitting a complete or detailed application may result in non-consideration. For more information or assistance you may contact the Human Resources Office, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 102 Governor Street, Room 248, Richmond, VA 23219; Telephone: (804) 371-8066; Hearing Impaired 1-800-828-1120; E-mail [hr.vdacs@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:hr.vdacs@vdacs.virginia.gov). EOE.

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