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## Federal Employment Fraud Beware

Information on job vacancies with the Federal Government and the Postal Service is provided free of charge. However, many Americans are victimized by scam artists selling information about Federal job opportunities. These scam artists place classified advertisements in newspapers, magazines, and periodicals offering--for a fee--to help job seekers locate and apply for Federal jobs.

The Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management urge consumers to protect themselves against job scams. **Beware of advertisements or sales pitches containing:**

- An implied affiliation with the Federal Government, a guarantee of high test scores or jobs, references to "hidden" or unadvertised job vacancies, or claims that "no experience is necessary";
- Referrals to a toll-free phone number. Often in these cases, an operator encourages you to buy a "valuable" booklet containing job listings, practice test questions, and tips for entrance examinations. These materials may be inaccurate, unnecessary, or available at no charge from the hiring agency;
- Toll-free numbers that direct you to pay-per-call numbers for more information. Under Federal law, any solicitations for pay-per-call numbers must contain full disclosures about cost. The solicitation must make clear if there is or is not an affiliation with the Federal Government. You must have a chance to hang up before you incur any charges.

If you have concerns about an employment advertisement or a company offering employment contact:

- Federal Trade Commission, 1-877-FTC-HELP.
- Postal Crime Hotline, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, 1-800-654-8896, available 24 hours a day.

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