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MEMORANDUM FOR AFPC/DPKC

FROM: HQ USAF/DPCC
1040 Air Force Pentagon
Washington DC 20330-1040

SUBJECT: Qualifying Architects for Certain Civil Engineer Career Program (CECP)
Positions

It was decided at a March 1996 meeting with representatives of the Civil Engineering and Civilian Personnel communities that Architects whose architectural experience includes experience with Air Force civil engineering programs should be considered as highly competitive candidates for certain CECP GS-801 positions, namely, Deputy Base Civil Engineer positions, to include GS-801 Chief Engineer, Chief Construction Management, Chief Design, and Chief Programming positions. A written determination as to how Architects would qualify for these positions was requested from the CECP PALACE Team responsible for determining qualifications and staffing the CECP positions.

Our determination, on review of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards Operating Manual, GS-800 standard, is that by applying option B of the standard, Architects would meet the basic requirement of qualifying for the General Engineering Series, GS-801. Furthermore, architects whose experience has been with Air Force base level Civil Engineering Flights or with Air Force civil engineering projects and program management at major command levels are considered to possess the requisite design and construction project and programming experience and, therefore, have obtained a professional knowledge of engineering by their direct interaction with every major facet of the civil engineering community. Architects whose experience meets this description are considered fully qualifying and are considered able to demonstrate full professional competence in oversight of civil engineering design and construction projects and programs and, consequently, have a thorough knowledge of Air Force civil engineering related concepts, theories and practices. To this extent, Architects whose engineering competence has been determined in accordance with this paragraph should compete equally with those engineers currently determined to be highly qualified for CECP Deputy Base Civil Engineer positions and other GS-801 positions as stated above.

Air Force employees whose experience is based solely on assignment to GS-1301 environmental specialist positions are not considered to be fully qualified for the type of GS-801 positions defined in the first paragraph of this memorandum.


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