



## European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency

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The European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA) has set up a selection procedure that aims to establish a reserve list (five-year contract with the possibility of a renewal for a fixed period and a further renewal for an indefinite period on the conditions set out in the Staff Regulations and in the Conditions of Employment for Other Servants) for:

## Head of Legal and Procurement Department

(Vacancy Reference Number: GSA/2015/300)

<b>Date of Publication:</b>	21/04/2015	<b>Deadline for applications:</b>	19/05/2015 23:59 hours (CET)
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	Temporary Agent	<b>Place of employment:</b>	Prague (Czech Republic)
<b>Grade/Function Group:</b>	AD10		
<b>Contract Duration:</b>	5 years with possibility of renewal	<b>Monthly basic salary<sup>1</sup>:</b>	€ 8,129.38 (less than 15 years' work experience after degree)  € 8,470.99 (more than 15 years' work experience after degree)
<b>Organisational Department:</b>	Legal and Procurement Department		
<b>Reporting To:</b>	Head of Administration	<b>Possible reserve list valid until:</b>	31/12/2016
<b>Desired Start Date:</b>	As soon as possible		
<b>Level of security clearance<sup>2</sup>:</b>	SECRET UE		

<sup>1</sup> Please note that salaries are adjusted based upon a correction coefficient as calculated by the Commission subject to an annual review provided for in Article 65(1) of the Staff Regulations [Currently, the weightings are: 100% (BE), 75% (CZ), 116,8% (FR), 150,7% (UK)]. Consult **section 7** for more details on the conditions of employment.

<sup>2</sup> The successful candidate must hold a valid **personnel security clearance** at the above defined EU level or be able and willing to apply for a security clearance immediately after the contract award. The procedure for obtaining a personnel security clearance shall be initiated on request of the employer only, and not by the individual candidate.



## 1. LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

The Legal and Procurement Department is currently composed of up to 10 staff members. It proactively contributes to the fulfilment of the GSA's mission, particularly regarding all matters related to the management of the GSA's legal and institutional matters as well as procurement and contracts implementation. Among other tasks the Legal and Procurement Department, as part of the GSA's Administration Division under the steering and supervision of the Head of Administration, shall be in position to deliver the following:

### **Legal and Administrative Activities**

- Provision of legal advice to the Head of Administration and thereby to other departments, the Executive Director of the GSA, the Chairs of the GSA Administrative Board and of the Security Accreditation Board;
- Provision the GSA Administrative Board secretariat;
- Interfacing with the European Commission, other stakeholders or agencies on institutional relations, governance and legal framework;
- Drafting of templates, guidelines, internal rules, implementing rules, procedures or decisions with the support by the other departments concerned;
- Protection of personal data and compliance with relevant legislation;
- Legal interpretation of regulatory framework and advice on the GSA's strategies and internal policies.

### **Procurement and Contract Management**

- Implementation of GSA procurement policies in relation with the GSA legal framework and Work Programme, ensuring compliance with applicable rules and regulations;
- Management of procurements (operational and/or administrative), including implementation and management of related databases;
- Interaction in a result-oriented way with industry and GSA operational teams before, during and after the procurement process in accordance with the GSA legal framework;
- Monitoring and execution of tasks related to contracts with respect to the legal, administrative and financial aspects, in collaboration with GSA operational departments.

The tasks to be implemented by the Legal and Procurement Department during the coming years are expected to be significant in terms of responsibility and workload.



## 2. TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Head of the Legal and Procurement Department will report to the Head of Administration.

Key accountabilities of the jobholder shall be in principle and as may be adjusted by the Head of Administration:

- Lead and manage the Legal and Procurement Team by attracting, developing, motivating, supporting and recognising staff towards high performance and by ensuring sufficient technical and managerial capability in the team to meet current and foreseeable GSA requirements;
- Develop a strategy, a structure and a set of working methods for the Department which enable the provision of an efficient and cost effective service, in line with corporate strategy and available resources but which are sufficiently flexible to meet changing priorities;
- Provide specialist legal and procedural advice to ensure that the GSA acts within its statutory and regulatory obligations;
- Develop internal and external relationships with stakeholders that are constructive for the Legal and Procurement Department, the Administrative Division and the GSA as a whole;
- Develop and manage the legal, procurement and contract management teams including setting targets and monitoring performance;
- Develop and deliver a procurement strategy across the GSA to deliver the objectives set in the work programme including approving operational departments purchasing strategy and risk management plans;
- Engage support and agreement for the strategy from key stakeholders (e.g. Administrative Board, Security Accreditation Board, European Commission, European Space Agency...) so that implementation and compliance are optimal;
- Promote the effective management of service providers to sustain value throughout lifecycle of contracts;
- Establish appropriate processes and systems for effective procurement and contract management across the GSA;
- Contribute to the identification, assessment and management of potential risks associated with GSA legal, procurement and contract management activities;
- Ensure that all purchases by the GSA of goods or services comply with the applicable regulatory framework;
- Contribute to general tasks of the Agency, such as planning, budgeting and reporting;
- Inspire and motivate others by generating trust and confidence.



### 3. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

#### A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The selection procedure is open to applicants who satisfy the following eligibility criteria, on the closing date for application:

1. A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies<sup>3</sup> attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more,  
**OR**  
A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and at least one year of appropriate professional experience when the normal period of university education is three years;
2. In addition to the above, appropriate professional experience<sup>4</sup> of at least **twelve years**;
3. Be a national of a Member State of the European Union or Norway;
4. Be entitled to his or her full rights as citizen;
5. Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws concerning military service;
6. Meet the character requirements for the duties involved<sup>5</sup>;
7. Have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the European Union<sup>6</sup> and a satisfactory knowledge of another language of the European Union to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties; and
8. Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Only study titles that have been awarded in EU Member States or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the said Member States shall be taken into consideration.

<sup>4</sup> Only appropriate professional experience acquired after achieving the minimum qualification stated in A.1 shall be considered. Where additional periods of training and study are accompanied by periods of professional activity, only the latter shall be considered as professional experience. Compulsory military service or equivalent civilian service accomplished after achieving the minimum qualification stated in A.1. shall be taken into consideration. Internships will be taken into consideration if they are paid. Professional activities pursued part-time shall be calculated pro rata, on the basis of the percentage of full-time hours worked. A given period may be counted only once.

<sup>5</sup> Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a Police certificate confirming the absence of any criminal record.

<sup>6</sup> The languages of the EU are: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish.

<sup>7</sup> Before a successful candidate can be appointed, s/he will be medically examined by a selected medical service so that the Agency will be satisfied that s/he fulfils the requirement of Article 28(e) of the Staff Regulation of Officials of the European Communities.



## **B. SELECTION CRITERIA**

All eligible applications, according to the afore-mentioned criteria (part A), will be assessed against the requirements listed below.

Please note that non-compliance with at least one of the Essential requirements (B.1) will result in the exclusion of the candidate from the selection process.

Advantageous requirements (B.2) constitute additional assets and will not result in exclusion, if not fulfilled.

### **1) Essential qualifications and experience**

- i. Full university degree in Law (post-graduate education in EU law and/or other fields directly relevant to the position, as well as bar qualification advantageous);
- ii. Good knowledge of and experience in the EU legal and institutional framework including extensive understanding of the EU Staff Regulations, Financial Regulation and their Rules of Application;
- iii. Significant experience in the provision of legal advice, contract/agreement drafting, negotiation, interpretation and enforcement (including complex legal constructions);
- iv. Proven experience in procurement and contract management including high-tech and/or high value contracts;
- v. Experience in successfully managing a team;
- vi. Excellent command of both written and spoken English;
- vii. Proven abilities to use electronic office equipment (e.g. word processing, spreadsheets, email, internet, etc).

### **2) Advantageous qualifications and experience**

- viii. Knowledge (by training or experience) of EU GNSS policy, regulatory framework and stakeholders;
- ix. Knowledge of and experience in handling matters related to the governance of corporate and/or institutional bodies;
- x. Knowledge of and experience in the field of protection of intellectual property (especially protection of know-how and confidential information);
- xi. Very good command of both written and spoken French.

### **3) Behavioural competences**

- xii. Motivation - open and positive attitude;
- xiii. Perfect professional integrity and work ethics;
- xiv. Leadership and people management skills;
- xv. Managerial, planning and organisational skills along with a results oriented approach;
- xvi. Cooperative, practical, solution-driven and service-oriented attitude;
- xvii. Self-control under pressure in demanding situations and ability to handle many simultaneous tasks;
- xviii. Excellent communication and negotiation skills.



#### 4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection procedure includes the following steps:

- After registration, each application will be checked in order to verify that it meets the eligibility criteria.
- All eligible applications will be evaluated by a Selection Board based on the selection criteria defined in this vacancy notice.
- The best-qualified candidates, those who obtained the highest number of points within the evaluation, will be short-listed for an interview. The minimum threshold is 65% of the total points.
- During the interview, the Selection Board will examine each candidate's profile and will assess their relevancy for this post. In order to support the evaluation via interview, shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo written tests relevant to the job content (the minimum threshold for this test is 50% of the total points allocated for it) and to complete part of the process in their second EU language.
- Candidates selected on the basis of the outcome of GSA interview may be invited to an assessment centre, run by external consultants.
- Candidates will be requested to bring with them on the day of the interview photocopies of all the supporting documents for their educational qualifications and employment necessary to prove that they meet the eligibility criteria. GSA has the right to disqualify applicants who fails to submit all the required documents.
- As a result of the interviews, the Selection Board will recommend the most suitable candidate(s) for this post to be placed on a reserve list. The minimum threshold to be placed on the reserve list is 65% of the total points. This list may also be used for recruitment of a similar post depending on the Agency's needs. Inclusion on the reserve list does not guarantee recruitment.
- The reserve list will be presented to the Appointing Authority who may decide to convene a second interview and ultimately will appoint the successful candidate to the post.

**Indicative date for the interview and written test<sup>8</sup> :**

June/July 2015

**Candidates are strictly forbidden to make any contact with the Selection Board members, either directly or indirectly. Any infringement of this rule will lead to disqualification from the selection procedure.**

#### 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

For applications to be considered valid, candidates must submit an email to [jobs@gsa.europa.eu](mailto:jobs@gsa.europa.eu) with a subject line of 'SURNAME\_Name\_Vacancy Reference Number' and which contains the Agency's approved application form (Download it here: <http://www.gsa.europa.eu/gsa/job-opportunities>).

This form must be:

- Completed in English;

<sup>8</sup> The date might be modified depending on the availability of the Selection Board members.

- Fully completed, pointing out the professional experience relevant to this position (incl. calculation of years, months);
- Printed, signed and clearly scanned in (in one single document);
- Named as follows: SURNAME\_Name\_Vacancy Ref. number (e.g. SPENCER\_Marc\_GSA.2012.123).

The application will be rejected if it is not duly completed and if it is not duly signed by hand.

**Further supporting documents showing evidence of the information given in the application will be requested at a later stage.**

No documents will be sent back to candidates.

**Applications must be sent to “[jobs@gsa.europa.eu](mailto:jobs@gsa.europa.eu)” and received by the deadline listed on page 01 of this vacancy notice at the latest, clearly indicating the vacancy reference number in the subject line.**

**Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.**

Candidates are reminded not to wait until the final days before the closing date of applications’ submissions. The Agency cannot be held responsible for any last-minute malfunction due to any overflow of the mailbox.

## 6. APPEAL PROCEDURE

If a candidate considers that he/she has been adversely affected by a particular decision, he/she can

- lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, at the following address:

European GNSS Agency (GSA)  
Human Resources Department  
Janovského 438/2  
170 00 Prague 7  
Czech Republic

The complaint must be lodged within 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure starts to run from the time the candidate is notified of the action adversely affecting him/her.

- submit a judicial appeal under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (ex Art. 236 of the EC Treaty) and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities to the:

European Union Civil Service Tribunal  
Boulevard Konrad Adenauer  
Luxembourg 2925  
LUXEMBOURG

For details of how to submit an appeal, please consult the website of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal: [http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo1\\_6308/](http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo1_6308/). The time limits for initiating this type of procedure (see Staff Regulations as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 723/2004 of 22 March 2004, published in Official Journal of the European Union L 124 of 27 April 2004 — <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>) start to run from the time you become aware of the act allegedly prejudicing your interests.

- make a complaint to the European Ombudsman:

European Ombudsman

1 avenue du Président Robert Schuman

CS 30403

67001 Strasbourg Cedex

FRANCE

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>

Please note that complaints made to the Ombudsman have no suspensive effect on the period laid down in Articles 90(2) and 91 of the Staff Regulations for lodging complaints or for submitting appeals to the Civil Service Tribunal under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (ex Art. 236 TEC). Please note also that, under Article 2(4) of the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, any complaint lodged with the Ombudsman must be preceded by the appropriate administrative approaches to the institutions and bodies concerned.





## 7. SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The pay of staff members consists of a basic salary weighted by the correction coefficient (currently 75% for Czech Republic). The full pay is exempt from national taxation.

In addition to the basic salary, staff members may be entitled to various allowances, as indicated below:

<b>Temporary Agent AD10</b>	Indicative amounts depending on family situation
Basic <b>net</b> salary (entry level) – correction coefficient applied	€ 4,398.41
Deduction made from salary at source for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pension (10,1%)</li><li>• Health insurance (1,70%)</li><li>• Accident cover (0,10%)</li><li>• Income tax (levied at a progressive rate)</li><li>• Solidarity levy (6%)</li><li>• Unemployment insurance (0,81%)</li></ul>	
Management allowance	€ 341.61 (subject to tax)
Expatriation allowance	€ 1,300.70 - without children € 1,414.31 - 1 child
Household allowance	€ 334.47
Dependent child allowance	€ 375.59
Pre-school allowance	€ 91.75
Education allowance	Up to € 509.66 (subject to conditions)

In addition, newcomers may also be entitled to the reimbursement of removal costs, temporary daily subsistence allowance and installation allowance.

The GSA fully covers the tuition fees for 12 international schools in Prague (main languages: English, French or German).

Staff is entitled to annual leave of two working days per each complete calendar month of service plus additional days for the grade, age, for the distance from the place of origin and an average of 16 GSA public holidays per year.

Special leave is granted for certain circumstances such as marriage, moving, election, birth or adoption of a child, serious sickness of spouse etc.

Staff is covered 24/7 and worldwide by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS). Staff is insured against sickness, the risk of occupational disease and accident as well as entitled for a monthly unemployment allowance, the right to receive payment of invalidity allowance and travel insurance.

In addition, GSA supports the further development of its staff and provides a range of training and professional development opportunities.

For further information on working conditions of temporary staff please refer to the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants (CEOS):

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20140101:EN:PDF>



## 8. COMMITMENT

### **Declaration of commitment to serve the public interest independently:**

The jobholder will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration in relation to any interest that might be considered prejudicial to his/her independence.

The jobholder will be required to carry out his/her duties and conduct him/herself solely with the interests of the European Union in mind; he/she shall neither seek nor take instruction from any government, authority, organisation or person outside his/her institution. He/she shall carry out the duties assigned with objectivity, impartiality and loyalty to the European Union.

### **Commitment to promote equal opportunities:**

The Agency is an equal opportunities employer and strongly encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria without any distinction whatsoever on grounds of nationality, age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, gender or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or other family situation.

## 9. DATA PROTECTION

The personal information GSA requests from candidates will be processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2001:008:0001:0022:EN:PDF>

The purpose of processing personal data which candidates submit is to manage applications in view of possible pre-selection and recruitment at GSA. All personal data collected will only be used for this purpose and will in no case be transmitted to any third party. Any data provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and with high standards of security.

Applicants' documents will only be kept for as long as it is mandatory to fulfil the requirements of existing auditing/control procedures applicable to GSA.

Applicants have a right to access their data. They have a right to update or correct at any time their identification data. On the other hand, data demonstrating compliance with the eligibility and selection criteria may not be updated or corrected after the closing date for the respective selection procedure.

Applicants are entitled to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor (<http://www.edps.europa.eu>; [EDPS@edps.europa.eu](mailto:EDPS@edps.europa.eu)) if they consider that their rights under Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 have been infringed as a result of the processing of their personal data by the GSA.