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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**TITLE: TEST RANGE OPERATOR III**

**DEPT: EMRTC**

**REG**

**TEMP**

**FULL TIME**

**PART TIME**

**STARTING RATE or SALARY RANGE** \$20.50

Employees being promoted to a higher classified position receive the minimum for the position or a pay rate adjustment of 8% whichever is greater.

**All regular positions also entitle the employee to several benefits including health, dental, vision, life insurance, and retirement which is largely paid by New Mexico Tech for the employee and dependents.**

**INTERNAL POSTING THROUGH: March 10, 2026\***

CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN FIRST TO TEMPORARY AND REGULAR TECH EMPLOYEES WHO APPLY WITHIN THE 7 DAY INTERNAL POSTING. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE 7 DAY POSTING MARGIN WILL BE CONSIDERED WITH OTHER OUTSIDE APPLICANTS.

### **JOB SUMMARY:**

Constructs erects, cleans up and disposes of all materials / apparatuses necessary to ensure efficient and safe testing procedures in the EMRTC Test Range Laboratory. Performs all tasks in a safe and practical manner. Additional responsibilities specific to training EMRTC personal (light, medium, heavy equipment). Establish certification and training program, working with EMRTC safety office.

### **JOBS FUNCTIONS:**

Fabricates, prepares, erects and cleans up targets/buildings/bunkers/structures on test pads/ranges; utilizing metal plates, concrete, wood, soil and celotex / styrofoam. Targets range from structures, buildings, airplane parts, army tanks/armored personnel carriers, fuselages, tanks and earthen berms; works from test plans, drawings or oral instructions. Directs subordinate personnel performing tasks listed above.

Uses mechanical hand tools, grinders, measuring tools, hand and power tools, saws, slings, hooks, etc.; cuts various metals using oxygen/acetylene equipment; welds in the horizontal, vertical and overhead positions using proper machine settings and equipment.

Operates heavy, medium and light equipment such as tractors, loaders, forklifts, backhoes, motorgraders, wreckers, dump trucks, flatbeds, etc. According to certification and capabilities.

Performs other functions i.e. assisting electrical, construction, photo, instrumentation, mechanical and ordnance personnel under the direction of qualified technicians or supervisors.

Attends safety meetings, acknowledges and abides by sick/annual leave policies, communicates with all essential personnel, presents a positive/professional attitude, acknowledges and abides by New Mexico Tech/EMRTC safety policies / SOP's/ Security policies, etc.

Establish EMRTC training and certificate programs (light, medium, heavy equipment operations).

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

High School (or GED) level ability in spelling, grammar, composition and math. Six (6) years experience in general ordnance test range work; however construction heavy equipment experience or welding experience combined with time in general ordnance test range work can also satisfy requirement. Certified on all light and medium equipment. Certified on all heavy equipment. Capable of welding and cutting various metals of all thickness horizontal, vertical, overhead selecting machine settings and rod type. Capable of leading small jobs, working with Engineers and customers up to five subordinate personnel. At least two of the following: Welding certification, Commercial Drivers License Class A, Class II or above Hoisting License, Employee Possessors License. A valid New Mexico driver's license is required. This position requires a Department of Defense security clearance through Secret to be obtained within reasonable time after employment. Commercial Driver's License. Welding Certificate (if directed to obtain).

## DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Capable of reading and directing work using drawings/blue prints.

## LIFTING REQUIREMENTS:

(f)requently, (o)ccasionally, or (s)eldom

0 - 15 pounds	
15 - 30 pounds	
30 - 50 pounds	
50 - 100 pounds	F
100 + pounds	

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Standing 25%	Sitting 5%	Walking 25%	Pulling 5%
Pushing 5%	Lifting 10%	Stooping 10%	Kneeling 5%
Crawling	Climbing 5%	Reaching 5%	Other

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