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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**TITLE: TEST RANGE OPERATOR TRAINEE**

**DEPT: EMRTC**

**REG**

**TEMP**

**FULL TIME**

**PART TIME**

**STARTING RATE or SALARY RANGE** \$15.00

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:

This position is an entry-level position and will work out in the EMRTC Field Laboratory year round. Duties include assisting Test Range Operators in test preparation, setup, clean up, and may require physical labor for many of the tasks. Trainee will be expected to work towards obtaining equipment on-the-job training and eventual certification, Commercial Driver's License, welding training and eventual certification, concrete and construction skills, and learning about explosives testing operations. This position will require attending all EMRTC safety trainings and learning about the EMRTC safety regulations. Performs all tasks in a safe and practical manner.

### JOB FUNCTIONS:

Assist Test Range Operators to fabricate, prepare, erect and clean 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, and army tanks/armored personnel carriers, fuselages, tanks and earthen berms; works from test plans, drawings or oral instructions.

Be in training to use 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.

Be in training to operate 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/SOPs/Security policies, etc.

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

High School (or GED) level ability in spelling, grammar, composition and math. A valid New Mexico driver's license is required. This position may require a Department of Defense security clearance through Secret to be obtained within reasonable time after employment.

## LIFTING REQUIREMENTS:

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

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