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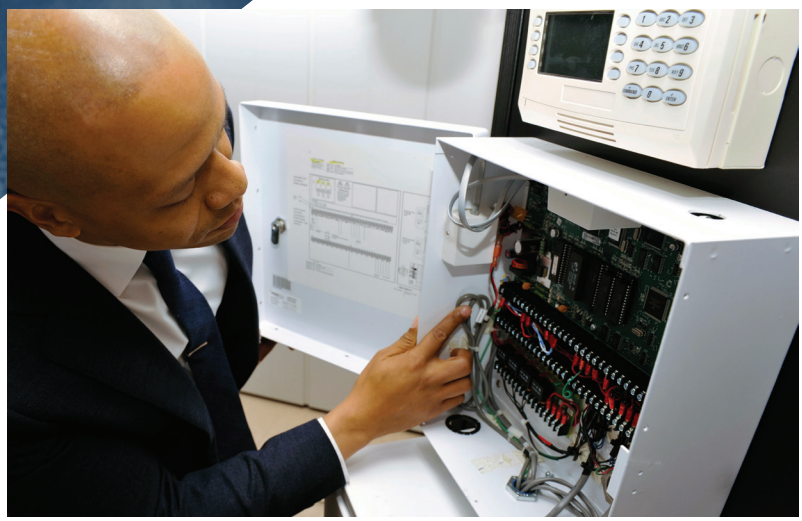
DIPLOMACY PROTECTS THE WORLD

BE PART OF OUR LEGACY

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) operates on a global platform to ensure that the U.S. Department of State can safely and securely conduct diplomacy. As the law enforcement and security arm of the Department, DS is a global leader in the protection of people, property, and information. Every diplomatic mission in the world operates under a security program developed and managed by DS.

As a member of the team, you will be responsible for continuing the DS legacy of providing safety and security, and meeting the challenges of protecting personnel and sensitive information at diplomatic locations worldwide.



DELIVER THE DS SECURITY MISSION

For more than 50 years, Security Engineering Officers have played a critical role in safeguarding U.S. diplomatic posts across the globe from technical espionage, acts of terrorism, and crime.

Drawing on their engineering expertise, as well as their problem-solving abilities, Security Engineering Officers use physical and technical security systems to secure personnel, information, and U.S. Department of State facilities worldwide. They meet modern-day challenges with enthusiasm and ingenuity.

They employ their skills to conduct technical and cyber security assessments for U.S. missions overseas, conduct technical surveillance countermeasure inspections, and support dignitary protection and travel.

Security Engineering Officers harness the power of technology to serve and protect our nation. And you can, too.

TECHNOLOGY SAFEGUARDS DIPLOMACY

USE YOUR EXPERTISE TO SUPPORT SECURITY

As a Security Engineering Officer, you will be the technical and physical security expert at a U.S. embassy or consulate. Every day, you will deliver on the Department's mission to protect national security and overcome any challenges that may arise.

Your duties are incredibly varied. At any given time, you will be managing projects and people; supporting dignitary travel; exploring the implementation and use of new technology; installing and maintaining a suite of complex security equipment; and providing the best in cyber security. You will use your engineering and physics expertise—no matter where your assignment takes you.

As a Security Engineering Officer in the Foreign Service, you will have rewarding opportunities to:

- **Explore new horizons** – serve in domestic offices, as well as U.S. embassies and consulates, worldwide.
- **Support and secure** – provide technical support and safeguard sensitive information for the U.S. Secretary of State, visiting foreign dignitaries, and U.S. diplomatic facilities in the United States and abroad.
- **Employ technical expertise** – operate as the subject matter expert for technical, physical, and cyber security.
- **Manage technical counterparts** – coordinate daily operations with other Security Engineering Officers, Security Technical Specialists, Regional Security Technicians, as well as assigned military personnel.
- **Experience new cultures** – embrace continually changing assignments while living in culturally diverse environments worldwide.

A Security Engineering Officer's career is never the same, be it day-to-day, month-to-month, or even year-to-year. While serving domestically, you are well prepared to take on an assignment anywhere in the world at any given time— always ready for a new challenge in a different location.

To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen and have a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, or PhD in physics or an ABET-accredited engineering program and must be at least 20 years old to apply and at least 21 years old to be appointed. All candidates must be appointed to the Foreign Service one month before reaching the age of 60 (preference eligible veterans excepted). To be considered, you must be able to obtain a Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) security clearance.

To learn more about the requirements, visit **careers.state.gov/ds**.

In return for your service, you will have access to continued training and career development programs; health and medical coverage; federal retirement benefits; and generous paid leave. When serving overseas, you will receive paid housing or an appropriate housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children (K-12).

DIPLOMACY EMBRACES DIVERSITY

Serving as a Security Engineering Officer has been a rewarding and life changing experience. It has provided me the opportunity to travel the world, experience different cultures, engage on critical technical security issues, and work with our foreign allies to establish safe and secure operating environments for our diplomats overseas.

Tamika | Security Engineering Officer

CREATE CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The U.S. Department of State is committed to creating a workforce that represents the diversity of America and aims to recognize its employees' rich experiences, talents, knowledge, and personal characteristics.

Diversity and inclusion are vital to the Department's global mission. They bring innovation and creativity to the workplace; encourage fresh perspectives that inspire new ideas; and spark positive change—both domestic and abroad.

Security Engineering Officers are a diverse group of individuals who represent all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds. As members of the Diplomatic Security Service, they are adaptable, strategic thinkers from all walks of life. Given that travel and supporting others highlight their careers, Security Engineering Officers benefit from their unique points of view and cultural awareness while serving under a broad range of conditions.