

Detail Opportunity Announcement

Position Title: Transportation Industry Analyst

Office: Office of Amtrak Oversight

Grade Level: GS-14

Duration: 120 days

Start of Detail: 7/27/2026

Work Schedule: Full-time

Number of Openings: 2

Supervisory Status: none

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Position Overview: The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a Transportation Industry Analyst providing expert counsel to FRA management and colleagues regarding: (1) assessing the performance of passenger rail, Amtrak and freight rail service, including unusually important, extensive, novel, and controversial issues (2) promoting the stewardship of passenger and freight rail assets that are critical to Amtrak and other rail operations through the management of FRA's competitive grant programs, (3) developing and analyzing rail policy, legislative, and budget proposals which may be vague, complex or uncommon and (4) providing authoritative expert technical assistance and support to high level officials at the federal, state, and local level, railroads, and other stakeholders in advancing high-performance passenger and freight rail policy objectives and plans.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assessing the performance of passenger rail, Amtrak and freight rail service, including important, extensive, novel, and controversial issues.
- Promoting the stewardship of passenger and freight rail assets that are critical to Amtrak and other rail operations through the management of the Department's, including FRA, various financial assistance programs, and participation in planning activities for rail infrastructure improvement.
- Developing, analyzing, and preparing internal and external communications regarding rail policy, and legislative and budget proposals which may be vague, complex or uncommon.
- Providing technical assistance and support to high level officials at the federal, state, and local level, railroads, and other stakeholders in advancing high-performance passenger and freight rail policy objectives and plans.

Knowledge and Skills:

- **Technical Credibility:** Understands and appropriately applies principles, procedures, requirements, regulations and policies related to assigned areas.
- **Customer Service:** Anticipates and meets the needs of both internal and external customers. Delivers high-quality products and services; is committed to continuous business process improvements.
- **Oral and Written Communication:** Expresses information (for example, ideas or facts) to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and nature of the information (for example, technical, sensitive, controversial); makes clear and convincing oral presentations; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues, and responds appropriately. Writes in a clear, concise, organized, and convincing manner for the intended

Experience:

- Experience fostering working relationships with contacts and staff members at all levels within/outside the organization.
- Experience performing analytical, evaluative, advisory, technical or comparable work, developing policy positions relating to multi-modal transportation AND articulating those policy positions before multilateral organizations, industry groups, and/or government officials as a regular and recurring part of your job with minimal supervision.
- Experience conducting program/project oversight and management of transportation programs and using project management methods to assist with the coordination of team or contractor activities to ensure steady work flow, maximum production, compliance with deadlines, and/or overall efficiency of operations.
- Experience providing technical guidance to support planning, design, and/or the construction of transportation systems, programs, or projects, such as operations analyses, engineering analyses, cost estimation, or financial analysis..

Security Clearance: N/A