

ASEAN MoDA Position Description

Applicants must be DoD Civil Service in the GS 13/14/15 pay grades to be eligible

COCOM: PACOM

Location: Jakarta, Indonesia

Grade: GS-13/14/15

Function: Maritime Domain Awareness

Clearance: SECRET

Title: Senior Advisor

Tour length: 12 months

Background: The Department of Defense is making a commitment to strengthen Southeast Asian regional institutions, particularly the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). At the 2014 U.S.-ASEAN Defense Forum, the ASEAN defense ministers highlighted a shared interest in building a common understanding of the regional security environment, including more information sharing and greater maritime cooperation. A common operating picture of the region's maritime space could help deter provocative conduct, reduce the risk of mishaps and miscalculation, and aid in coordinating humanitarian and disaster response missions. At the May 2015 Shangri-La Dialogue, Secretary Carter offered the assistance of a U.S. technical expert to advise ASEAN members on information sharing to enhance regional cooperation for combatting transnational crime, coordinating humanitarian and disaster relief efforts, and improving overall Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). The MoDA will directly support the U.S. Mission to ASEAN by collaborating with ASEAN member states' maritime security stakeholders in order to establish a regional information-sharing architecture. The MoDA will help ASEAN members create or improve on existing maritime capabilities, develop information-sharing protocols to strengthen international maritime law enforcement, combat illicit trafficking and weapons proliferation, and protect marine resources.

Desired Skills and Experience:

- Minimum five years of experience with maritime strategy, intelligence, policy, or maritime security matters at the operational and strategic levels required.
- Desired maritime experience includes background in MDA, related MDA intelligence support, and MDA programs and policy, including precursor engagement activities and information-sharing agreements needed to enable a regional information-sharing architecture.
- Previous international experience required; multilateral preferred, with preference given to Southeast Asia experience.
- Experience collecting, analysing, and integrating information and intelligence from a broad range of sources.
- Experience with requirements identification and capability development.
- Familiarity with U.S. security cooperation and security assistance programs and organizations helpful.
- Experience working in service, combatant, and strategic level headquarters, e.g., OPNAV, SECNAV, OSD, Joint Staff, and/or COCOM staff, highly desired.
- Demonstrated communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with counterparts to help them achieve goals through the provision of quality advice, support, and mentoring.
- Proven success in individual and organizational capacity building and aptitude to share knowledge, mentor and coach others.

- Demonstrated ability to work in an environment with limited resources and to apply innovative and creative solutions to resolve problems.
- Proven self-starter who can be successful working independently at various organizational levels and with executives/managers/leaders/staffs from multiple functional areas and cultural backgrounds.
- Must be able to assess diverse bureaucratic/cultural environments and apply out-of-the-box thinking in order to pursue DoD objectives.
- Willingness to travel frequently (up to 35%) to ASEAN member countries and work in disparate work environments.

Specific Tasks:

- Review existing MDA capabilities and requirements for completeness, accuracy, and applicability, identify potential resource shortfalls, conflicts, gaps, risks, and overlaps, and provide recommendations based on the review.
- Assist with the development of an information- and intelligence-sharing platform that integrates existing infrastructure and develops interoperability with sensors, vessels, databases, and people to provide a common operational picture to ASEAN member states.
- Encourage broad interaction among ASEAN members to identify organizations, partnerships, best practices, and other efforts that enhance maritime security through expanded MDA collaboration.
- Improve ASEAN organizational capabilities to effectively share information on people, cargo, vessels, infrastructure, natural and man-made disasters, and other potential threats within the maritime domain.
- Assist with the development of an ASEAN organizational information-sharing agreement and protocols.

Additional Requirements:

- Incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a SECRET security clearance.
- Incumbent must be available for detail from their home organization for a period of 15 months to include training, preparation and a 12-month deployment.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Current SF-50 (redacted, no SSN)

HOW TO APPLY: Submit application package to the MoDA Program Office email address: dsca.ncr.bpc.list.moda@mail.mil

Applications are due NLT 23 OCT 2015. Competitive applicants will be contacted for a telephone interview. Throughout the process, reference and background checks will be completed.