

Ukraine MoDA Position Description

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

COCOM: EUCOM
Location: Kyiv, Ukraine
Grade: GS-14/15
Function: Logistics Advisor

Clearance: SECRET
Title: Senior Advisor
Tour length: 12 months

Background: Since early 2014, in the aftermath of the Russian occupation of Crimea and the Russian-sponsored conflict in the Donbass, the Department of Defense (DoD) has been actively providing support to improve the function and capabilities of the Ukrainian (UKR) armed forces. To sustain these improvements, DoD is also supporting capacity building efforts with the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense (MoD) and General Staff (GS) to help them develop more effective, efficient institutions and advance the creation of a professional military force, eventually an all-volunteer service, in line with Euro-Atlantic standards. The goals of the effort are embodied in the Strategic Defense Bulletin (SDB), approved by the National Security and Defense Council and signed by the President of Ukraine in June 2016. Among the SDB's five strategic goals for 2020 is the establishment of an integrated logistics system, which is critical to accommodating the needs of a modern fighting force.

The current UKR military logistics system is a carryover from the Soviet Union and does not resemble NATO logistics systems. Responsibility for logistics is divided between the GS Rear and Armaments Directorates. In addition to national-level tasks, these Directorates supervise the separate staffs and units that actually transport and manage supplies, equipment, and weaponry. The logistics system is not well integrated with MoD procurement structures. Central to the UKR logistics challenge is the absence of an automated, networked inventory control system.

The logistics advisor will provide strategic-level advice to the UKR Defense Minister, Chief of Defense, and General Staff, and support capacity building efforts and the improvement of logistics support to ongoing operations. The advisor will advise, assist, and mentor MoD and GS counterparts in all aspects of logistics planning, management, and execution. The advisor will also assist with the alignment of the Multinational Joint Commission Logistics Sub-Committee's objectives to best contribute to the UKR Defence Reform Committee, including meeting NATO partnership goals through liaison with the existing bi-lateral training partners. Assisting in the design of logistics structures and processes to best leverage new information systems will be a critical task.

Experience: The ideal candidate will have significant experience in the range of logistics functions, to include:

- Military supply program management, from procurement of a new item through storage, distribution, property utilization, consumption, or disposal.
- Military inventory management, including initial planning, provisioning and requirements determination, acquisition and distribution, accountability, and ultimate issue for consumption, retention, or disposal, as well as knowledge of acquisition

processes, automated records and control systems, material substitution criteria, and storage, issue, and disposal processes.

- Military distribution facilities and storage management, including knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of managing the physical receipt, custody, care, and distribution of material, including the selection of appropriate storage sites, material handling equipment, and facilities.
- Military transportation management, involving the planning, directing, or operating of rail, motor, air, or water transportation systems and service, including positions involving responsibility for operation of both transportation service and terminal facilities.

Candidates should have prior senior-level supervisory experience at the Department of Defense or Service level. The applicant should also have experience with U.S. interagency / inter-ministerial coordination, ideally having worked with other U.S. Government Departments or Agencies and have prior experience working in a coalition or multinational environment, or demonstrate a capability to do so. NATO and international experience is highly desirable. The advisor will work through an interpreter or in English.

Desired Skills/Capabilities:

- Knowledge of a wide variety of logistics support activities including: determination of funding requirements; supply support systems, Logistic Information Systems, the integration of supply, transportation, maintenance, and other logistics support activities.
- Minimum ten years' experience with U.S. Army or U.S. Marine Corps strategic and operational level ground logistics planning and requirements driven processes.
- Skills in analyzing, evaluating, and interpreting logistics readiness factors, and formulating procedural solutions to logistics readiness problems.
- Proven success in individual and organizational logistics and institutional building, and demonstrated ability to share knowledge, mentor and coach others.
- Demonstrated communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with US Embassy Country Team, host nation personnel, and international counterparts.
- Demonstrated ability to work in an environment with limited resources and creative problem solving skills and the ability as part of a team.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, preferably with experience in mentoring, training, and living in an international setting.
- Familiarity with U.S. security cooperation programs.

Specific Tasks:

- Assist with the reform and implementation of UKR MoD and GS logistics management plans and processes from the standpoint of logistics implementations, technical requirements, acquisition strategy, business strategy, and program execution.
- Responsible for assisting, advising, mentoring and guiding MoD and GS counterparts in the performance of logistics management for Ukrainian Armed Forces operations and support.
- Identify deficiencies in logistics operations and provides analysis and recommendations for improvements or modifications to better streamline them.

Additional Information:

- 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 14 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 29 December 2016. Competitive applicants will be contacted for a telephone interview. Throughout the process, reference and background checks will be completed.