

DEPARTMENT OF NAVY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Solicitation of Applicants for positions as a
Mechanical Engineering Technician
Flyer #26-006



How to apply: The Naval Oceanographic Office will accept resumes through December 31, 2026, to fill **multiple vacancies** for Mechanical Engineering Technicians under the Direct Hire Authority for Certain Personnel of the Department of War.

The DHA is primarily used to appoint qualified candidates who are not existing competitive service employees with permanent status. Current Department of War / Department of Navy competitive service employees are encouraged to apply to Merit Promotion job announcements.

Resumes should be submitted by email to NAVO_STNS_JOBS@navy.mil and reference the **Flyer #** above in the **SubjectLine** of the email. **Resumes are restricted to no more than 2 pages. Illegible/unreadable resumes will not be considered.** Candidates are encouraged to submit unofficial versions of transcripts to assist in determining whether they meet Office of Personnel Management qualification requirements. Transcripts should list all coursework, credit hours completed, and the student's name. Cover letters are not required but are strongly encouraged. Highly qualified applicants will be contacted via email to schedule an interview.

Salary Range: \$36,409 to \$116,362 per Annum
Job Location: Stennis Space Center, MS

About the Job: Incumbents will be required to travel. **Travel may be up to 25 percent of the work year.**

When on travel, the duty station is often in shipyards. Assignments when on travel require considerable physical exertion such as standing for extended periods, frequently climbing stairways/ladders, occasionally lifting instrumentation in excess of 50 pounds, crouching or working in restricted areas. Medical certification of fitness for travel is required.

Highly qualified candidates will demonstrate a strong ability to perform the following required tasks:

- Fabricate, modify, or repair complex parts and assemblies for oceanographic/hydrographic/acoustic survey equipment using mechanical drawings and/or inputs from engineers and scientists.
- Design and fabricate jigs and fixtures to support fabrication of complex parts.
- Program and operate Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines for fabrication of complex parts.
- Assist engineers by providing documentation for projects including suggestions for improvements.
- Understands operation and maintenance for equipment used in fabrication.
- Perform support (fabrication, modification, repair, removal, and installation) for mission equipment, material, and systems on ships and boats in the field on an as required basis.

Basic Requirements: Appointments to Mechanical Engineering Technician positions are typically made at the GS-04 or GS-05 level based on the applicant's education and experience and have a full performance level of GS-09. Some positions have a full performance level of GS-11. Appointments under this authority may be made up to the GS-12 level. Opportunities are available for applicants in the following field:

- Engineering Technician (GS-04):
 - Successful completion of 2 years of post-secondary study that included at least 12 semester hours in any combination of courses such as engineering, engineering or industrial technology, construction, physics, drafting, surveying, physical science, or mathematics. At least 3 of the 12 semester hours must have been in drafting if the position has been designated by a drafting area of specialization.
- Engineering Technician (GS-05):
 - Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with either (a) major study in an appropriate field of engineering, construction, or industrial technology; or (b) that included at least 24 semester hours in any combination of courses such as engineering, engineering or industrial technology, construction, physics, drafting, surveying, physical science, or mathematics. At least 6 of the 24 semester hours must have been in drafting if the position has been designated by a drafting area of specialization.

Note: Engineering technicians may be certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies, an organization sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Certification by the Institute will be helpful as a measure of the technician's quality of experience.

General and Career Information: Starting salaries are commensurate with education and experience, plus full benefits. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Males born after December 31, 1959, are required to be registered with the Selective Service System. **All positions are subject to satisfactory completion of a security investigation, successful completion of a pre-employment physical, and/or drug test.**

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