

Trade Compliance Analyst

Sentinel Strategy and Policy Consulting, LLC (SPC) is seeking a Trade Compliance Analyst to support public and private sector clients in the Homeland Security field.

About the Firm

Sentinel Strategy & Policy Consulting, LLC is an established strategic consulting firm located in the Washington, D.C. area. The firm provides advice and assistance on the design and implementation of effective homeland security strategies and programs to public and private sectors in the United States and abroad. The firm's professional services touch on virtually all facets of homeland security, with a particular emphasis on border security, international trade and travel, customs, immigration, transportation, and intelligence.

Sentinel prides itself on doing mission-related work and supporting public service. This ethos is rooted in our own previous government service and is epitomized by the career of one of Sentinel's senior principals, Judge Robert C. Bonner. Judge Bonner is a former U.S. Attorney, U.S. District Court Judge, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Agency, and Commissioner of U.S. Customs/U.S. Customs and Border Protection, where Sentinel's leadership team held senior positions. We are committed to providing services that advance U.S. and global security interests, and we continue to hire outstanding individuals with a variety of experiences who share in these professional goals.

Position Details

Sentinel seeks candidates with a strong interest or background in homeland security policy, particularly customs trade regulations and border security, to contribute to its public sector practice. We are looking for bright, energetic, and entrepreneurial individuals to join the firm and contribute to its success and growth in the years ahead.

This position will entail full-time work (40+ hours per week) on at least one public sector project in the Washington, DC area, with a particular focus on cargo and trade-related issues. The consultant will work as a sub-contractor and be a part of a larger team located at the National Targeting Center for Cargo (NTC-C). The primary responsibility of the Consultant will be to review export-related data to identify potential violations of federal regulations. Additional responsibilities will include conducting extensive qualitative research, link and trend analysis of individuals and entities of interest (Air/Land/Maritime/Passenger and Cargo) to identify networks and providing critical export-related advice to Law Enforcement and Intelligence partners. Because the Consultant will regularly interact with agency leadership, successful candidates must display a high level of professionalism, superior written and oral communication skills, and excellent judgment. Please note that in addition to work on the primary project, the Consultant may be asked to assist with other public and private sector initiatives, and will eventually have the opportunity to participate in other aspects of SPC's work. Please visit www.sentinelspc.com for additional information.

Requirements:

An applicant for the position must meet the following requirements:

- 2-6 years of work experience in International Trade Compliance
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills, including a high level of confidence and enthusiasm

- Superior research, analytical and problem-solving abilities
- Ability to multi-task and to make sound decisions, often under time constraints
- A high level of attention to detail
- Knowledge of the roles of the following agencies: Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Commerce, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations.
- Knowledge of U.S. Customs Regulations and the Export/Import process
- Ability to obtain a U.S. Government security clearance (U.S. citizenship required)
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in a fast-paced operational environment; regular multi-tasking is required and ability to handle high volume of work is a necessity
- Experience in the product classification process
- Experience in interpreting and providing guidance on U.S. export and import regulations for the licensing of commodities, technical data and defense services
- Preference will be given to applicants with:
- Demonstrated interest or experience in homeland security, national security, trade regulations, or other customs and trade-related issues
- Experience providing professional guidance on U.S. export and import regulations for dual-use and ITAR-related commodities
- Knowledge of the Export Compliance Regulations
- Experience using the AES and ATS systems
- Prior federal management consulting experience
- An active U.S. Government security clearance

An applicant for this position must be a U.S. Citizen and be eligible for a high-level U.S. Government Security Clearance – this means you must be able to pass a rigorous background investigation covering a period of no less than 7 years. Many of our clients maintain a strict policy regarding the prior use of illegal substances (such as recreational or non-prescribed pharmaceutical drugs) and other violations of U.S. law, including illegally obtaining or sharing copyrighted material. Any such incidents may result in an unfavorable adjudication by the government. For these reasons, SPC seeks candidates with a high likelihood of being successful in the clearance process, and existing high-level clearances are valued.

Application Instructions:

Interested applicants should send a resume and original writing sample to: careers@sentinelspc.com with “Trade Compliance Analyst Application” as the subject line. Please note that applications that are submitted without a resume or writing sample will not be considered, and candidates who are offered an interview may be asked to provide academic transcripts.