Below are links to vacancy announcements (DEU and merit staffing) for a Paralegal Specialist, GS-950-9/11, in the Civil Division, Fresno office. The announcements open today, Thursday, December 29, 2016; however, they have different closing dates. The DEU announcement closes on Friday, January 6, 2017 and the merit staffing announcement closes on Friday, January 13, 2017. The DEU announcement is open to any U.S. Citizen and the merit staffing announcement is open government-wide to current/former competitive service employees of the federal government and to certain veterans and those eligible for certain non-competitive special hiring authorities. Please note this position is being re-announced to accept more applications. Previous applicants to this announcement do not need to reapply to be considered.

PLEASE NOTE (very important!): The announcements at the links below are announced using the on-line USAJOBS application system. It is very important that interested candidates open the link and read the entire vacancy announcement very carefully (by clicking on each tab in the announcement) in order to read the instructions for how to apply for this position. You are encouraged to apply online. Applying online will allow you to review and track the status of your application. However, if you are unable to apply online, contact me at (916) 554-2749 or Laurie Pablo at (916) 554-2707 as soon as possible to arrange an alternative application process. Applications for vacancies announced through the USAJOBS on-line system are not accepted locally in our office, so please do not submit your applications to either me, Martha Bryant, Katie Montoya, or to our staffing e-mail inbox.

If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for this position, please forward this information to them. If you have any questions about the announcements or the on-line process, please let me know.

Here are the links:

**DEU announcement** (This announcement is open to any U.S. Citizen – you do not have to be or have been a federal employee to apply under this announcement – **if you have never been a competitive service federal government employee**, you should apply under this announcement. Current or former Federal employees may also apply under this announcement.) – **this announcement closes on Friday, January 6, 2017**:

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/457354000/

Merit Staffing announcement (This announcement is open to current/former competitive service federal employees, as well as certain veterans and those eligible for non-competitive appointment under special hiring authorities – please read the information in the "Who May Be Considered" section to ensure you are eligible to apply under this announcement.) – this announcement closes on Friday, January 13, 2017:

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/457370000/