



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Office of Accountability and
Whistleblower Protection

Organization:	Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection
Position:	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection
Pay Grade:	Senior Executive Service
Location:	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Office (VACO), 810 Vermont Avenue NW
Application Opening:	April 15, 2022
Application Deadline:	May 6, 2022

Background:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (OAWP), is recruiting for a Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS).

OAWP was statutorily established by the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, P.L. 115-41, and its functions are codified under 38 U.S.C. § 323. OAWP is led by an Assistant Secretary, who is Presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed. OAWP receives and investigates VA whistleblower disclosures and protects VA employees and applicants for VA employment from whistleblower retaliation. OAWP is responsible for tracking and confirming VA's implementation of recommendations from audits and investigations carried out by VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG), VA's Office of the Medical Inspector (OMI), the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). OAWP advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on accountability and for identifying trends based on data maintained by the office so VA can proactively address systemic issues.

Vacancy Description and How to Apply:

The Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) supports the Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (AWP) in accomplishing strategic planning, quality improvement, and program evaluation responsibilities and is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of OAWP.

OAWP is seeking candidates with:

- Experience and expertise in applying statutes, regulations, and Federal rules involving investigating employee and senior leader misconduct, and whistleblower rights and protections, including familiarity with congressional and legislative activities.

- Experience and expertise in leading organizational compliance and audit activities to accurately articulate, develop, and advise on anticipated, new, and current policy for achieving optimal organizational culture and represent the agency to internal and external stakeholders.
- Experience and expertise in leading an organization to achieve organizational goals, continuously improve culture within a complex organization, and to identify and eliminate barriers to transparency and accountability.

To apply and/or obtain additional information for this vacancy, please use the following USAJobs link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/649229400>.