Outreach Notice

Natural Resources Specialist
GS-0401-12

Northeastern Area - State and Private Forestry
USDA Forest Service
St. Paul, MN Field Office
(position location Evanston, IL)

Opens: January 19, 2015
Closes: February 19, 2015

The USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry - Northeastern Area (NA) will soon advertise the permanent, full-time position of Natural Resources Specialist-Chicago Liaison GS-0401-12. The position is organizationally part of the St. Paul Field Office (SPFO), but located in Evanston, Illinois. Depending on the responses to this Outreach, the position may be advertised on the OPM’s USAJobs website at: www.usajobs.gov.

Additional information about NA and State & Private Forestry can be found at: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/.

Duties

This position operates from one of three Field Offices of the Northeastern Area (NA), State and Private Forestry which serves twenty states and the District of Columbia. The SPFO serves the seven Midwestern states of NA. The incumbent serves as the local liaison and program manager for the metropolitan area of Chicago, providing technical assistance and coordination and building collaborative relationships among non-government and government partners.

Within NA, this position offers federal assistance to the State of Illinois and local stakeholders in accordance with the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (CFAA). More specifically, this unique position focuses on supporting the implementation of NA’s Urban & Community Forestry program in the Chicago metro area. The incumbent is responsible for developing and maintaining strong working relationships with local counterparts, offering technical advice in natural resource management in an urban setting, recommending standards and procedures for program management, and monitoring U.S. Forest Service grant projects. The position reports directly to NA’s St. Paul Field Office Representative. The duties of the position require strong interpersonal and organizational skills and a desire to build relationships and coordinate assistance. A number of proactive non-government organizations partner with the U.S. Forest Service in the Chicago metro area, and this position is key to facilitating the effective integration of diverse initiatives and funding sources to support community planning, public communication, educational programs and technical assistance.

Qualifications and Compensation
This permanent position is classified at the federal government grade level of GS-12. Starting salary in Evanston is $76,919. Federal employment offers a range of generous benefit options, including health, dental, and long term care insurance options.

The following describes the education and work experience needed to qualify for the General Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences Series, 0401:

Degree: biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

or

Combination of education and experience: Courses equivalent to a major, as shown above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

For more information, visit this link.

**Duty Station**

This position is located in Evanston, Illinois, just north of Chicago, and shares office space with employees of the U.S. Forest Service’s Northern Research Station. More information about the work of these scientists can be found at the following website: www.nrs.fs.fed.us/units/socialscience/

**Contact Information**

For additional information about this job and the duties, or about the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, please contact Carleen Yocum, Area Director’s Field Representative-St. Paul (cyocum@fs.fed.us), 651-649-5276.

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St Paul Field Office
U.S. Forest Service

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Location: ___________________________

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Location: ___________________________

Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes: _______ No: _______
Or have reinstatement rights? Yes:______

IF YES:
Please provide a brief statement of (1) why you are interested in the job and (2) previous work experience that may qualify you for this position.

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