Survey Technician

Interior, US Fish & Wildlife Agency

3 vacancies in the following locations:
See below.

Work Schedule is Full Time – TEMPORARY SEASONAL

For Non-Competitive Consideration, Submit Application Materials No Later Than 1/2/2018

Series & Grade
GS-0817-05

Salary
$32,844 to $46,261 per year

Desired Start Date
5/1/2018

Supervisory Status
No

USFWS Internal Reference Number
RFS-18

Who May Apply
• Schedule A (persons with disabilities),
• Veterans special hiring authorities including VRA or 30% or more Disabled Veteran
• AmeriCorps VISTAs and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV) who completed service in the past calendar year or have an extension based on qualifying events
• Direct Hire Authority
• Certain Military Spouses

Job Overview

Summary
You too can make a difference in our world. The work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is meaningful and varied. Want to know more about what it is like to work for us? Watch these short podcasts entitled Meet Your New Boss and Diversity is our Strength.

These positions serve as full-time, temporary Survey Technicians, GS-0817-04, for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6, Refuges, Division of Realty, based at the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, located in Columbia, South Dakota and the Regional Office, Lakewood, Colorado. These positions are full-time temporary positions not-to-exceed 1 year that will total less than 1040 hours (6 months), excluding overtime in a service year.

These positions require extensive travel.

Who May Apply
At this time, only individuals with non-competitive hiring authorities may apply. Non-competitive authorities include individuals with qualifying conditions and documentation from the following:

• Schedule A (persons with disabilities),
• Veterans special hiring authorities including VRA or 30% or more Disabled Veteran
The employee in this position serves as a full-time, temporary Survey Technician for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6 in one of the following locations:

- USFWS Mountain Prairie Regional Office, Lakewood, CO (2 positions)
- Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Columbia, SD (position reports to Regional Office; stationed at Sand Lake)

Responsibilities

- Serves as a field technician for a surveying crew.
- Performs basic tasks involved in surveying assignments to assist a higher graded employee, such as making simple measurements of land areas requiring the use of simple hand tools or electronic equipment, setting up electronic equipment, etc.
- Records data requiring concentration and specialized skill due to number and variety of arithmetic manipulations to be performed on data.
- Makes basic computations with the use of calculator or computer, checks computations of higher graded employee's transposition of figures.
- Makes rough draft of survey area from field notes and reports of survey findings.

How To Apply

Please send resume and supporting qualification documentation for one of the above hiring authorities to fw6_dcr@fws.gov or fax to 303-236-3816 (Attn: Rachel McCracken) as soon as possible, but no later than January 2, 2018. Resumes and supporting documentation will be reviewed against position qualifications and, if deemed qualified, forwarded to the selecting official for consideration.

Requirements

Conditions of Employment

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or National
- Males born after 12-31-59 must be registered for Selective Service
- Resume and supporting documents (See How To Apply)
- Suitability for employment, as determined by background investigation
- May be required to wear U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service uniform
- Must possess a valid State driver's license.
Qualifications

GS-05: One year of specialized experience at the GS-4 level. Six months of general experience and six months of specialized experience. Specialized experience is assisting in the use of measuring devices related to survey work, recordkeeping using a variety of arithmetic manipulations and providing information for reports on findings. Such experience can be demonstrated as an engineering technician, soil conservation technician, or construction inspector.

SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:

GS-05: Successful completion of 4 full years of post-secondary study leading to a bachelor’s degree from an accredited or pre-accredited institution (a) with a major study in an appropriate field of surveying, engineering, industrial technology, construction, physics, drafting, forestry, geography, navigation.

If substituting education for the Specialized Experience requirement, you MUST submit all school transcripts. Only official or unofficial transcripts will be accepted. Failure to submit transcripts that verify qualifying education by the closing date of the announcement will results in disqualification from further consideration.

Physical Demands

The work requires physical exertion such as carrying heavy surveying instruments while walking considerable distances over wet, rough, uneven or rocky surfaces; bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, reaching, climbing or similar activities. The work requires both office and outdoor work. Temperature or weather extremes may be encountered in the performance of outdoor work.

How You Will Be Evaluated

You will be evaluated for this job based on how well you meet the qualifications above.

In addition to the Specialized Experience and any applicable Basic Education requirements, the following competencies are required:

- Knowledge of measuring devices and procedures related to survey work
- Ability to keep records involving a variety of arithmetic manipulations
- Ability to operate a wide variety of survey instruments

Required Documents

The following required documentation must be submitted for non-competitive consideration:

- Resume tailored to the position. List all relevant experience (experience gained through jobs, school, volunteering, etc.).
- College Transcripts if qualifying based on education OR if there is a Basic Education Requirement for this position
- Schedule A Letter (persons with disabilities)
- DD Form 214 (Veterans)
- Veterans Preference Documents (Veterans)
• Certifying document of non-competitive eligibility status (RPCV and AmeriCorps VISTA alumni)

Contact

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