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JOB OPENING

Dates accepting application: 5/16/16 – 5/28/16

POSITION TITLE: SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

SALARY: \$30,000-\$38,000

POSITION TYPE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: CUMBERLAND, MD

ABOUT US:

The Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (WMRC&D) Inc. is a non-profit company in business since 1993. We are involved in projects dealing with environmental restoration, alternative energy, carbon sequestration, research, forestry, improvements of fisheries, wildlife, water quality in wetlands, and projects addressing conservation and agriculture.

CONTEXT OF THE POSITION

In coordination with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), this position would help to implement programs and provisions included in the Farm Bill. The Conservation Technician position provides technical assistance for resource conservation projects with direct interaction with farmers, landowners, agencies, contractors, and related project partners. A majority of work is focused on project engineering survey, design, planning assistance, field data collection, project layout, and scheduling the application of conservation plan practices. This position is a 2 year term position under the direct supervision of the District Conservationist located within the Allegany County Soil Conservation District Office in Cumberland, MD.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Inspects proposed sites, determines need and feasibility of conservation practices applicable for geographical locations, advises on site selection, explains cost-share payment procedures to farmers, performs layout work, and supervises construction of practices for which the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has technical responsibility.

Makes preliminary engineering surveys gathering design data for structures requiring engineering application. Records field notes and prepares designs based on standard designs for review and approval by others.

Checks completed practices to determine that specifications are met. Completes field sheets and recommends acceptability of completed practices to the supervisor for final certification. Advises landowner/operator to complete proper maintenance. Prepares recommended adjustments in basic plan for the conservationist.

Develop schedules for implementing comprehensive conservation plans that provide for effective land use and water management in relation to the conservation needs of the land and the on-going agricultural enterprise.

Provides information to farmers, ranchers and other rural residents on the kinds of assistance available from the NRCS and other USDA agencies.

Other duties as assigned.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must possess sufficient education and/or or experience commensurate with the major duties of the position. Background and experience in the fields of agronomy, forestry, and restoration is desirable. Proficiency in use of computers and applications such as AutoCAD is expected. Basic knowledge for construction project lay out with the use of a rod, level and transit for establishing control lines, level lines and staking locations for cut and fill is required.

Strong communication skills.

Knowledge and/or experience with livestock operations.

Willingness to work outside in rough terrain and inclement weather.

The ability to work independently while effectively managing multiple priorities.

A valid driver's license.

US Citizenship.

A clean criminal record verified by a standard background check with local, state, and national law enforcement agencies. A security clearance is not a requirement.

Must be willing to relocate or commute to Western Maryland.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION

Please go to our website at: www.wmrcd.org

Please email Resume and Cover letter and 3 professional references to:
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