

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Conservation Technician/Planner-Vernal
Utah Association of Conservation Districts
June 24, 2008

Full-time technical position. Staff will be providing conservation technical assistance to land-owners in the developing and writing plans for conservation projects and practices. Employee's main responsibilities will be working with the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program. Work under the direction of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD) zone coordinator and with local, state and federal agencies in promoting conservation.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must be able to work effectively with conservation district supervisors, Utah farmers and ranchers, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and other members of the district and/or partnership staff to get conservation programs on the ground. Needs to maintain a high level of trust and provide the program leadership and personal initiative needed to obtain the results expected by UACD members and/or customers.

1. Needs technical working knowledge of and aptitude for:
 - a) Oral and written communication skills.
 - b) Proficient in the use of computers including; word processing, spread sheets, e-mail etc.
 - c) Solicitation of customers, marketing conservation programs and services and disseminating information and education through personal contacts and public meetings.
 - d) Organizational management, time management and financial management.
 - e) Soil, water and related natural resource conservation, evaluation of impacts, development, coordination, planning and report preparation to accurately and professionally represent landowners' interests.
 - f) Leadership and negotiation ability.
 - g) Knowledge of public due process related to local government plans and decisions.
 - h) Knowledge of Coordinated Resource Management Planning (CRMP) procedures.
2. Possesses a B.S. degree or equivalent related experience. Degree is in or has other related substantial experience in water, watershed management, planning, soil science, natural resources, agriculture or related field.
3. Works independent of supervision and works well with elected officials and state and federal technical and professional staff. Needs high degree of self-motivation and original thinking, the ability to function as part of the UACD/conservation district professional/technical team.
4. Possess a valid Utah vehicle driver's license. Position requires the regular use of a personal or government motor vehicle on both public and private roads during daylight hours and after dark. Mileage paid for personal vehicle business use.

5. Offers services to individuals and groups without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or other such designations protected by law.

MAJOR DUTIES

1. Provide technical assistance to landowners in developing and revising conservation plans. Make on-farm evaluations to analyze resources and conditions. Consult with other specialists to develop viable conservation alternatives.
2. Serves as the UACD contact point for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food salinity program and the state ARDL loan program and provides leadership to the field staff for the program. Has principal responsibility for implementing and reporting to client(s) for UACD contracts and agreements funding the position under this job description.
3. Follow up with landowners and/or operators to review current conservation practices being applied. Ensure that all phases of work are in compliance with standards of specifications.
4. Keeps fully informed of district objectives related to salinity program and helps districts and others to bring about correlation and coordination of conservation efforts.
5. Participates in district meetings as assigned. Maintain working relationships with employees of other federal, state, and local agencies and other groups to coordinate conservation plans and to provide technical assistance on problems. Evaluates progress achieved. Makes recommendations for improvements and follows through to achieve program goals.
6. Serves as a technical advisor to the districts. Provide assistance to the districts as they carry out their responsibilities as the local leaders in soil and water conservation.

WORK PERIOD/TRAVEL

Work and/or office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Regular travel throughout Uintah County and some travel in Daggett and Duchesne Counties. Evening and weekend meetings as required to meet with districts and attend various state and federal agency meetings. Occasional travel outside of the Uintah Basin and overnight trips may be required.

COMPENSATION

Starting salary range \$27,500 to \$32,500 plus benefits.

APPLICATION

Please respond by submitting a cover letter, resume and three references (including prior employers) to
Utah Association of Conservation District
240 W. Hwy 40 (333-4) Roosevelt, Utah 84066 or
darrell.gillman@ut.nacdnet.net

By August 15, 2008. Position open until filled.

For more information please call Darrell Gillman at Phone (435) 722-4621 Ext. 127.