JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist—Missouri

Application Deadline: April 19, 2016
Locations: Bethany, Missouri

Estimated Start Date: May 17, 2016

Overview: This position is co-located in the Bethany USDA field office, covering Harrison, Daviess, Gentry, and Worth Counties. The Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever Farm Bill Biologist Program began in 2003 with 4 positions and we currently have about 115 Partnership Biologists in 18 states. The incumbent will serve as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist providing biological/wildlife technical assistance for USDA, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Quail Forever (QF) to deliver conservation programs to farmers and other landowners. The positions will be employees of and be supervised by QF and Pheasants Forever, Inc. (PF) with daily instruction and leadership provided by local partners. Funding provided by USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Missouri Department of Conservation and local Quail Forever Chapters.

Duties:

- Provide technical assistance (wildlife biology focus) and guidance to landowners, government agencies, non-government organizations and others (training will be provided the USDA, QF, MDC and other local and state agencies).
- Coordinate the implementation and application of biological sciences within the conservation programs in cooperation with NRCS District Conservationist, MDC Private Lands Biologist, QF staff, and others.
- Assist with the completion of contracts, applications and other required documentation for conservation programs (i.e. CRP, EQIP, ACEP, etc.).
- Communicate program requirements, complete site visits to determine eligibility, and develop plans and contracts for applicants enrolling in wildlife-friendly USDA Conservation Programs or state and local conservation programs.
- Coordinate quail and songbird survey crew in the Quail Focus Area.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with landowners and partner agencies.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse clientele.
- Knowledge of wildlife ecology, wetland and grassland management including the ability to utilize various habitat management tools in the development of management plans.
- Knowledge of conservation and wildlife programs provided by Federal (i.e. Farm Bill, US Fish and Wildlife Service), State agencies, conservation districts and QF. In addition, knowledge of how these programs are implemented in an agricultural landscape is desired.
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to apply and use GIS tools (i.e. GPS, Arc Map, etc.).
- Valid driver’s license required; use of personal vehicle required (mileage reimbursement provided).
- Able to obtain USDA Federal Security Clearance.

Training and Experience Guideline: Any combination of training and/or experience that will enable the applicant to possess the required knowledge, skills and abilities. A general qualification guideline for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management or closely related natural resources field and related field experience. Experience working with private land habitat planning is highly desirable.

Starting Salary Range: $29,000 – $33,500 + Health Benefits and Retirement Package.

To Apply: Visit our website at: www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs

ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please combine your cover letter, resume and 3 references into 1 Word document or PDF file on the Recruitment website.

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever is an EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled