Acoustic Survey Technician
Location: Eastern U.S.

WEST, Inc. has openings for full-time, limited tenure acoustic survey technicians in the eastern U.S.

Description:

The primary responsibility of this position is to work on a two-person crew to conduct acoustic presence/absence surveys for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats at proposed development projects in the eastern U.S. There may be limited opportunities to conduct additional biological surveys (e.g. bat mist-net and telemetry surveys). Duties include deployment of ultrasonic bat detectors (e.g. AnaBat, SM3, SM4, etc.), and data organization and transfer.

Field work will entail hiking to acoustic survey sites with 10 to 30 pounds of field equipment in varying terrain, sometimes in inclement conditions. The technician should be able to work independently and must be able to communicate and coordinate effectively with acoustic crew leader and with WEST supervisors including adhering to schedules. Job duties include use of bat detectors, global positioning system devices, maps, compass and digital cameras as well as the ability to maintain equipment. Training will be provided for survey efforts and job related activities. Technician will be required to follow all safety protocols for WEST. Technician will be expected to use good judgment to stay safe and work efficiently.

Vehicles will be provided for work completion or mileage reimbursed. Bat detectors including associated gear, GPS units, compass, camera, and will be provided by WEST. However, job candidates must be equipped suitable field wear including footwear (rugged hiking boots, etc.).

Compensation: $12.00 - $16.00 per hour, DOE
Start date: May 2016
Duration: May 2016 – August 2016
Workload: Full-time position available, with some scheduling flexibility. Lodging and per diem will be provided; applicants should plan to move from project to project throughout the summer.

Requirements:

Field experience related to wildlife ecology. Bachelor’s degree in natural resources, wildlife management, wildlife biology or equivalent preferred. Must demonstrate prior field experience; must be able to work independently and interact professionally and respectfully with project managers, biologists, technicians and landowners. Candidates with prior experience using bat detectors will be given preference.

Applicants must be in good physical shape, as surveys will be conducted in locations where temperatures and conditions can be extreme. Skilled use of topographic maps, compass, GPS units, and other field equipment is helpful.

Job requires the person filling this position to be able to appear for work on time; hiking in adverse conditions with small to moderate loads; follow instructions from project managers, field supervisors and acoustic crew leader; interact effectively with coworkers; maintain a positive attitude; and to accept guidance and constructive criticism. Precise and thorough data collection is essential.

Valid driver’s license is required upon submittal of resume. Investigation into driving record will be conducted upon hire. Driving record must meet standards set to operate motor vehicle on behalf of WEST, Inc. Background check will be conducted on final candidates. Contract will require drug testing and candidates must be able to pass pre-employment drug screening criteria.

This is a general description of the functions for this position and is not all-inclusive of the duties which may be associated with this position. WEST, Inc. reserves the right to change, modify this job description, job requirements, and job duties at any time.

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Include the following in ONE .doc or .pdf file (not separate attachments):
1. Resume which includes dates of employment and the address and phone number for each employer.
2. 2-3 references with phone numbers and email addresses