OUTREACH NOTICE

Permanent Full-Time Opportunity

Geospatial Specialist (two positions)
USDA – Forest Service
Geospatial Service and Technology Center-Remote Sensing Applications Center
GS-1301-11

Washington Office Detached – Salt Lake City, Utah

Introduction

The Forest Service Geospatial Service and Technology Center (GSTC)- Remote Sensing Applications Center (RSAC)—detached units of the Washington Office Engineering, Technology, and Geospatial Staff—are conducting outreach for two GSTC Geospatial Specialist positions in the Data Services and Products group.

About GSTC-RSAC

GSTC-RSAC, an organizational component of the Forest Service Geospatial Management Office (GMO), is located in the Salt Lake City, Utah metro area. It is anticipated that the Center will be relocating from its present location in the Salt Lake Valley to the Bennett Federal Building in downtown Salt Lake City in mid FY2018—approximately seven miles away from its current address.

As an agency technical center, GSTC-RSAC provides the Forest Service with a wide array of geospatial services and products—reaching all levels across all agency Deputy Areas, from remote field locations to Washington Office Headquarters. The Center is a national resource for geospatial training, technology assessment and development, applications and tools development, data and information publishing, LiDAR applications, Remote Sensing and GIS project support, Incident Management support, and both large and intermediate scale base mapping. The Center is also engaged in international work, and partners very closely with other federal agencies and academia. Work is pioneering, fast-paced, vibrant, and rewarding!

Center staff—both federal and contractor—consists of subject matter experts in Remote Sensing, GIS, Cartography, Photogrammetry, information services, technology development, project management, and natural resources management.
**Major Duties**
These two positions will serve as a Geospatial Specialist, GS 11 Physical Scientist (1301) in the Data Services and Products group. The incumbents will serve as project leaders, assuming responsibility for the planning, scheduling, and completion of assigned geospatial-related projects. The incumbents perform a range of geospatial data development and integration tasks for the design and display of cartographic products. The incumbents will also act as the Unit Leader with full responsibility and authority during the Unit Leader's absence.

Duties for both positions include:
- Use geospatial technologies including, but not limited to geographic information systems (GIS), geospatial enterprise solutions, electronic publishing, computer graphic systems, and electronic plotting and scanning equipment.
- Perform cartographic duties such as ensuring map update and symbolizing data content to product specifications for quality control.
- Perform GIS duties such as identifying and evaluating data sources for applicability and quality, perform file management and facilitate GIS data for editors.
- Test, evaluate, and solve technical problems utilizing state-of-the-art cartographic and graphic software for the maintenance and development of cartographic production systems.
- Provide assistance in project management, documentation and metadata.
- Provide assistance and training to others in the Center as needed.
- Plan the visual aspects of maps and publications where general format and specific themes to be illustrated are not predetermined.
- Makes final decisions on such design matters as size, layout, color schemes, and media to be incorporated.

Additional duties for FSTopo/base mapping:
- Manage Arc-SDE production database to ensure edits are posted and replicated to the application.
- Ensure scripts are operational, resolve edit conflicts, manage versions and prepare the editor’s project set up.

Additional duties for data/product dissemination:
- Manage the production of Aerial Fire Retardant Avoidance maps and the dissemination to NIFC data center.
- Manage the production updates of various national dataset from external sources including, but not limited to the USGS.
- Manage the dissemination of FSTopo derived products to ensure data is current in the Forest Service data center, and the Geospatial Clearinghouse website.

**The Salt Lake Area**
The greater Salt Lake area offers a wide variety of experiences, opportunities, and amenities common to major urban centers located in the west, and also enjoy close proximity to vast reaches of public lands spanning high desert environments to alpine ecosystems—many within an easy 30 minute drive. Outdoor recreation opportunities are world class. The local economy is strong, fueled in large part by sustained growth in technology-oriented industries. The arts community thrives and post-secondary education opportunities abound.
Learn more about Salt Lake City and Northern Utah:

- Utah economy, public policy, and demographics – [http://gardner.utah.edu/](http://gardner.utah.edu/)
- Area real estate – [http://www.utahrealestate.com/index/public.index](http://www.utahrealestate.com/index/public.index)

If Interested

At this time, we intend to advertise the permanent positions in mid spring of 2016. If you are a federal government employee interested in this opportunity, please complete the Outreach Response form on the following page by May 27, 2016 and send to Deirdre McClarin at demcclarin@fs.fed.us.

If you would like additional information about the opportunity, please contact Deirdre McClarin at demcclarin@fs.fed.us, 801-975-3816, or Karen Nabity at knabity@fs.fed.us at 801-975-3430.
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E-MAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________________________
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____________________________________________
AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: ☐ USFS ☐ BLM ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY): __________
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT IF CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:
☐ PERMANENT ☐ TEMPORARY ☐ TERM ☐ VRA ☐ PWD ☐ OTHER
CURRENT DUTY STATION: _________________________________________
CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE (IF APPLICABLE): _______________________
CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _________________________________________

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE
TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

☐ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
☐ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
☐ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
☐ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
☐ STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY): ______________________________________________

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!