Part-Time Soil Scientist 2

Job ID: 602065

Apply Before: 04/28/2016

Location: Noble

Full/Part Time: Part-Time

Salary: $33,748.00 Regular

City/County/St: Indianapolis, Marion County, IN

Hire Salary: This position is a part-time position that will be paid at $17.30 per hour.

Job Description:

The Indiana Department of Agriculture is currently hiring for a part-time Soil Scientist. This position works in a field location with the Division of Soil Conservation providing soil and water resource-related technical assistance to agricultural and urban land users within a regional team. The assistance consists of facilitating the application of measures that protect and enhance the quality of soil and water and other natural resources. The incumbent will work cooperatively with conservation partners to finish assigned work and serve as a member of the regional team. This position will also serve as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) leader for the Upper Wabash Watershed. This position will be located in Noble County and cover Kosciusko, Whitley, Noble, and LaGrange counties.

Responsibilities:

Assist Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in CREP registration and participation; assist landowners with questions and/or concerns, assist lead SWCD in invoice/payment tracking through SharePoint.

Provide information, promote the opportunity, and be a resource to the SWCDs, Farm Service Agency and landowners regarding the CREP within the specific watershed by speaking at county/regional meetings, conferences, creating displays, direct mailings, etc.

Schedule appointments and meet with landowners to discuss CREP details and how it can help them reach their personal conservation goal

Conducts engineering field surveys for the purpose of designing structural and agronomic erosion and sediment control practices on agricultural land.

Prepares the design and completes engineering field layout of erosion and sediment control practices.

Meets with land users to encourage continued pursuit of conservation efforts, installation of planned practices, and proper maintenance of previously applied practices.
Prepares time and progress reports and maintains field office records of ongoing projects.

Coordinates with other ISDA Resource Specialists to ensure that technical assistance requests are being adequately serviced.

Works closely with the regional partners to efficiently accomplish workload throughout the regional team.

Maintains close working relations with personnel of other divisions in the Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other federal, state, and local agencies and organizations.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Preferred Experience:**

Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited university or college in physical or earth sciences, natural resources, biology, or agriculture. Three years of applicable work experience may substitute for the required degree.

Advanced knowledge of soil and water conservation theories, principles, techniques, and practices, and expertise in the design, application, installation, and maintenance of those practices.

Specialized knowledge of modern agriculture methods.

Advanced knowledge in reading, interpreting, and drafting engineering plans and specifications.

Advanced knowledge in surveying, computer-aided engineering design, and layout of conservation practices.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Ability to maintain a valid driver’s license.

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