Employment Opportunity

Registered Forest Technician

Position Type: Full-time - Permanent

POSITION SUMMARY

As a Registered Forest Technician ("Registered Forest Technician"), you will perform technical forestry functions in four practice areas, silviculture, forest protection, forest operations and forest measurements. At any given time, the RFT will work on conservation projects, supervising tree nurseries, and helping coordinate fire suppression efforts. A forestry technician is part of a forest management team where you will work under the direction of a registered professional forester.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct, supervise and participate in ?akisqnuk First Nation’s ("AFN") forest inventory cruises, surveys and field measurements.
- Managing the geographic information system (GIS) to create, manage, and analyze data and maps.
- Assist and perform technical functions in the preparation of forest management and harvest plans using photogrammetric and mapping techniques and computerized information systems.
- Assist in planning and supervise construction of AFN access routes and forest roads.
- Implement, supervise and perform technical functions in silvicultural operations involving site preparation, planting, and tending of tree crops.
- Co-ordinate activities such as timber scaling, forest fire suppression, disease or insect control or pre-commercial thinning of forest stands.
- Monitor activities of logging companies and contractors.
- Provide forestry education, advice and recommendations to woodlot owners, community organizations and the general public.
- Provide technical support to forestry research programs.

REQUIRED Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Completion of a one-to-three-year college program in forestry technology or in a renewable resource program or forest ranger program is required.
- Experience in using geographical information systems (GISs).
- Certification or licensing as a scaler is considered an asset.
• Current registration as an RFT, FIT or RPF with the Association of BC Forestry Professionals.
• Excellent knowledge of applicable BC forestry and related legislation and policies; ideally within a First Nation community.
• Excellent communication skills, both written and oral as well as computer literacy in a Microsoft office environment, and other related forest industry software applications
• Ability to assist in the preparation and review of Forest Stewardship Planning.
• Physically fit to endure the rigors of full-time field work in all conditions.
• Ready to travel and work in an outdoor environment in remote locations.

GENERAL STATEMENT

The core of our business is serving the AFN Community and the Ktunaxa Nation overall. Therefore, anyone who joins the organization should have an understanding of AFN and/or the Ktunaxa Nation. This understanding can be gained from being a member of the AFN Community and/or the Ktunaxa Nation, being from AFN or Ktunaxa ancestry, or from working with the Community and/or the Nation. If a person looking to join the AFN Organization does not currently possess this understanding of the Community or Nation, they must demonstrate a genuine interest to learn more and stay informed about the culture to gain a greater understanding.

Individuals interested in this opportunity are encouraged to forward their up to date resume to Hany Hafez, Human Resources Generalist at hhafez@akisqnu.org

Note: Preference will be given to qualified Aboriginal candidates in accordance with Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code. Only candidates who are shortlisted will be contacted for interview.