Subject: 1 Laysan Volunteer needed

I am looking for 1 volunteer for the Laysan Island Restoration Project for placement March 1-Sept 30 2009. This is a remote field assignment. The breakdown of work load is: 15% basic Monitoring of seabird, shorebird, landbird and plants using standard operating procedures where following detailed written instructions is important so that data can be used for population trend analysis; 20% endemic and endangered plant propagation, outplanting and monitoring; 30% invasive plant removals with Acquamaster (rodeo) and Garlon 3A; 15% camp maintenance and 20% data entry, report writing and debriefing with biologists and managers in Honolulu office after field season completed. Laysan is a really remarkable place to visit and work. The crew size on Laysan is a total of 4 people (2 Biological Science Technicians and 2 volunteers). The volunteer positions are training positions to develop the applied experience for the paid Biological Science Technician positions. We work hard, have a lot of responsibility as land stewards and are devoted to the conservation of species.

US Fish and Wildlife Service has operated and maintained a temporary year round field camp at Laysan Island in the North West Hawaiian Islands since 1991 to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American People. The temporary facility supports housing and work area for 4 full time scientists. The facility consists of 7 temporary Weather port tent structures built on platforms for the purpose of sleeping, office/communications/cooking facility; and storage. Systems that insure safety of personnel at Laysan include a reverse osmosis with well, photovoltaic system, multiple and redundant communication systems and a hurricane shelter for wind and high surf emergencies. Laysan is accessible only by ship which takes 4 days transit from Honolulu at 10 knots. Personnel safety at Laysan is our number one priority and requires multiple and redundant systems due to the remoteness of the Island. Systems that support the biological mission at Laysan include rain catch on all structures and 5 small greenhouses for plant restoration. Laysan has an active restoration program reintroducing 5 endemic plant species and 2 endangered plant species. Laysan has an active invasive plant removal project for removal for 3 invasive plant species and monitoring island wide for introduced species that have the potential to become invasive. Laysan has a 20 year data set of migratory bird population estimates and is one of the primary breeding locations for the Laysan Albatross.

Please send a resume with current contact information and references to cindy_rehkemper@fws.gov by Wednesday Feb 4 by close of business. Thank you for your interest. College graduates preferred. Cindy.

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