PCSU ENDANGERED SEABIRD FIELD ASSISTANT – ID# 10121. Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. (2) Regular, Full-Time, RCUH Non-Civil Service position with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU), Division of Forestry and Wildlife, located on Kauai. Continuation of employment is dependent upon program/operational needs, satisfactory work performance, and availability of funds. MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY: $1,730 - $2,500/Mon. DUTIES: Participates in carrying out research and management activities for the recovery of Kauai’s endangered seabirds, with emphasis on Newell’s Shearwater (Puffinus newelli) and Hawaiian Petrel (Pterodroma sandwichensis). Includes: 1) surveys to document distribution and relative abundance across Kauai using ornithological radar, visual surveys (binocular, and night-vision) and auditory point counts; 2) surveys to monitor breeding success and relative abundance at select colony sites; 3) management tasks, including predator control; 4) research into factors limiting endangered seabird populations; 5) data entry, and preliminary analyses of field data. Performs effective public outreach. Operates a motor vehicle and a variety of equipment for field studies. PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION: One to three (1-3) years of college level biological sciences coursework from an accredited college or university. EXPERIENCE: One to three (1-3) years of (paid or volunteer) experience in biological fieldwork (Volunteer experience must be documented and verifiable). Demonstrated experience with one or more of the following: seabird monitoring methods, auditory point counts, operating ornithological radar, predator management near seabird colonies. Demonstrated remote area experience. ABIL/KNOW/SKILLS: Working knowledge of the principles of avian population ecology and conservation. Ability and skills in techniques of avian population ecology and conservation, particularly colonial nesting seabirds. Demonstrated hiking ability, including off-trail navigation. Ability to use Microsoft Office (Excel) and other software programs to undertake field reporting. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Possess a valid driver's license. Must be able to locate birds by their calls. Post Offer/Employment Conditions: Must be able to complete basic helicopter safety course within six (6) months period of hire or next available opportunity. Must have First Aid/CPR certificate or ability to complete equivalent within first three (3) month-period from hiring date. Must be able to pass a post offer criminal background check. PHYSICAL/MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: Ability to hike four (4) miles on obscure trails with thirty to forty (30-40) pound backpack and live and work in isolated field camps under primitive conditions. SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited four (4) year college or university in Biological Sciences. Strong interest and background training in seabird ecology, particularly forest-nesting petrels. Small boat experience. Wilderness First Responder certificate. Experience working with Hawaiian birds. Experience with use of Geographic Information System (GIS) software (Arcview) and databases (Access). Familiarity with native Hawaiian flora and fauna and local conservation issues, and Kauai. INQUIRIES: Nick Holmes kauaiendangeredseabirds@gmail.com. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The preferred method of applying for a job is through our on-line application process. Please go to www.rcuh.com, click on “Employment” and navigate to “Job Announcements/Apply for a Job.” However, if you do not have access to the
Internet, you may apply by submitting resume; cover letter including Recruitment ID#, referral source, narrative of your qualifications for position and salary history; names, phone numbers and addresses of three supervisory references and copy of degree(s)/transcripts/certificate(s) to qualify for position by fax (808) 956-5022 or mail to Director of Human Resources, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki Hall D-100, Honolulu, HI 96822 before the closing date. If you have questions on the application process and/or need assistance, please call (808)956-3100. **CLOSING DATE: March 26, 2010.** EEO/AA Employer.