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   Opportunity Description:

   Biology Research Manager

   OPEN: May 01, 2010
   CLOSED: June 15, 2010

   POSITION TITLE: Subject Matter Specialist I ($55.2K) or Research Manager I ($61.5K)– depending on experience and qualifications.

   LOCATION: Located on the island of Guam. Position will be employed by ASRC Management Services, and administered out of the USGS Fort Collins Science Center, Fort Collins, CO.

   APPOINTMENT: A minimum of a one year commitment is expected.

   BACKGROUND: The accidental introduction of the Brown Treesnake to Guam has led to the extinction of most of the island’s native forest avifauna, caused significant economic impacts by disruption of electrical power on the island and its military bases, and created health risks by venomous snake bites to humans, especially infants. The snake could cause similar problems on other islands in the Pacific if it is introduced through military or commercial transportation.

   The Fort Collins Science Center, Invasive Species Program, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), is conducting ongoing research on the biology, control, and containment of the Brown Treesnake on Guam, Mariana Islands, in the Pacific. While the project is headquartered in Fort Collins, CO, there are several full time biologists, post-docs, and other biological staff based on Guam. In addition, a Rapid Response Team, which is responsible for investigation of possible Brown Treesnake populations and public education on adjacent islands, is based out of the same facility located on Guam.

   POSITION DESCRIPTION: ASRC Management Services is hiring a Research Manager, to be based on Guam. The successful candidate will be expected to coordinate a crew of several biologists in the research duties of the project as described below. The Research Manager will have overall responsibility for coordinating the biological staff, including arranging work schedules, supervising and delegating data collection responsibilities, organizing, tracking, and purchasing of equipment, and supplies. He/She will also design databases in MS Access for input of data. The successful candidate will participate and contribute to the recruitment, hiring, and orientation of new project personnel. The Research Manager is also expected to direct the field team in support of post-doctoral fellows and graduate students in Guam, and research and support personnel in Fort Collins. A high degree of communication with all project personnel on Guam and in Ft. Collins is crucial for the success of the project.

   The successful candidate will be the administrative contact for all project operations on Guam and will be expected to learn and participate in field and lab activities as needed. The field crew is involved in project data collection, implementation of experiments in field situations, preparation of materials and equipment for experiments, preparation of study sites, capture of specimens, and handling of living and dead specimens (snakes, lizards, rodents, and other vertebrates). Research duties will also include the preparation of specimens, handling recording data from tagging, logging and quality control of data, and preparation of field reports for analysis. Preparation and maintenance of sites may involve use of brush cutting equipment, power saws, and hand instruments. Therefore, coordination of safety related training and monitoring will be a key component.

   QUALIFICATIONS: Required: B.S. or B.A. in biology, ecology, natural resources, or related field with a working knowledge of Access and at least three year’s experience in leading field research projects. A valid driver’s license, excellent eyesight, health, and physical stamina are also required. Ability to walk over rough terrain, carry up to 50 lbs of equipment, tolerate climatic extremes, and work in both day and night conditions are necessary to conduct field work. Preference will be given to candidates with strong backgrounds in project management and team leadership. Applicants must have the proper credentials (US citizen, green card) to work in the U.S.

   COMPENSATION: ASRC Management Services offers this full time position the following: salary of $52.5K SMSI or $61.5K RM1, plus an excellent benefit package. Benefits include: health, dental, and vision coverage; flexible spending plan; three weeks PTO; ten paid holidays; and educational assistance. Travel costs are provided to mainland training sites and Guam.

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DEADLINE: June 15, 2010 or until filled. The position begins July 15 2010 or as soon as possible thereafter.

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