

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Research and Development
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The Environmental Sciences Division, 944 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas, NV. of the National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking a master's of science student to provide services under a contractual agreement to serve on a research group in environmental geophysics. The work will be predominately in the laboratory and will include geoelectrical instrument use and calibration in laboratory soil/sediment columns and the measurements of geoelectrical properties in column studies of environmental geophysics.

The student contractor must have completed a Bachelor's of Science degree in engineering, environmental science, biology, or geosciences at an accredited college/university. The student must have completed at least 1 year of study toward a Master's of Science degree in one of those previously mentioned disciplines. The student must be familiar with basic laboratory health and safety.

This work is projected to begin, depending upon the availability of the selected student contractor, approximately early August 2009 for one year with the option to extend the contract to a second year. In no event will the work begin later than early August 2009. It is anticipated that the student contractor will/may work up to 15 hours per week during the summer months and up to 5 hours/week during the academic year. The majority of the work will be Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The duty location is Environmental Sciences Division, 944 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas, NV. Work will be primarily performed in a laboratory but some field work and travel may be required.

The hourly rate is commensurate with the minimum required level of education and experience, as follows: \$27.46 per hour for a student who has completed the Bachelor's degree and one year of graduate study. Student contractors will be paid the basic hourly rate only for the number of hours worked and do not receive overtime premium for any hours worked beyond a 40-hour week. Student contractors do not accrue leave or holiday benefits and are not paid for any non-work days, regardless of the reason. Federal, State, Local, and Social Security taxes will not be withheld; student contractors are responsible for reporting income to authorities and paying all taxes.

The contractor is responsible for all costs of transportation to and from the principal duty station location. EPA does not provide housing, meals or other living expenses while working at the principal duty station. Offerors must be, (1) students in good standing who are currently enrolled in a masters or higher degree program at a recognized educational institution and (2) have completed at least one year of study toward this degree. Non-U.S. citizens may be eligible to participate, depending on their immigration status and the applicable regulations of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). All non-US citizens must submit, as part of their proposal package, evidence of their immigration status that allows them to work in the United States. EPA ORD employees, their spouses, and children are NOT eligible to participate in this program and receive these contracts.

To submit a proposal for this position, you must submit a one or two page resume or statement of qualifications including (1) student=s full legal name; (2) mailing address; (3) telephone number; (4) email address (if any), (5) date of birth; (6) Social Security Number; (7) place of birth; (8) citizenship or, if not a US citizen, immigration/VISA status; (9) education, including description of relevant classes; (10) work or volunteer experience related to the scientific field; (11) laboratory work experience (if applicable to these services) and (12) a statement of your commitment to fulfill at least the initial year of the order, if selected. Attach a copy of all your college/university transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable, if it is apparent from the transcript copy that it is a copy of an official document and that the school is identified), listing courses taken, grades, and overall GPA. Two letters of recommendation are also suggested. Also, your proposal must contain a statement that you propose/accept the stated hourly rate of \$27.46 per hour. Send your proposal submittal to: James E. Wesley, II wesley.james@epa.gov fax no. (919) 685-3412. The submission deadline will be listed at the website listed below.

Prior to applying for this position, you should visit the EPA solicitation web page at http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd to learn the full details of the position for which you are applying. You should visit the website periodically to check the status of this procurement and to see whether or not any amendments (changes to the requirement of the posted position) have been issued. If you have any questions on the information contained on this website, contact James E. Wesley, II wesley.james@epa.gov fax no. (919) 685-3412.

The Government will make contract award(s) based on the student=s work experience, knowledge and skills, training and course work as it relates to the services as described in the Announcement. Students who perform under contract for EPA will be required to undergo a background check, check of FBI fingerprint files and a suitability determination by the Environmental Protection Agency.

All questions regarding this position should be addressed to the Contract Specialist James E. Wesley, II Wesley.james@epa.gov fax no. (919) 685-3412.