Volunteer/Unpaid, DENVER, CO – EPA Region 8, Lead and Pesticides Intern (CLOSING DATE: 04/05/2019)

Background: The Lead-based Paint Program is responsible for implementing regulations to help prevent vulnerable populations (children and pregnant women) from being exposed to lead-based paint hazards within our region (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming). The pesticides program implements an integrated pest management program which aims to reduce people’s exposure to pesticides while controlling pests.

Position Description: As a Lead and Pesticides Intern, you will develop transferrable skills that will benefit you in future academic and professional endeavors. You will be part of a dynamic team that works under its authority to reduce expose to lead-based paint hazards and pesticides. You will be tasked with activities that will contribute to the success of the lead-based paint and pesticides programs. In this position, you will have the opportunity to learn about lead and pesticides across media; contribute to the success of the team; and gain experience working toward EPA’s mission to protect human health and the environment.

Specific duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Conduct outreach to building permit officials aimed at incorporating lead-based paint regulations into the building permit process;
- Identify neighborhood associations for targeted outreach on lead-based paint hazards and the certified lead-based paint contractor program;
- Assist the lead-based paint program in updating their lead-based paint trainer certification processes to ensure incomplete applications are denied in a timely manner;
- Explore launching an initiative to target renovators with expired lead-based paint licenses;
- Work with the pesticides integrated pest management expert to conduct outreach to hospitals on how an integrated pest management program could benefit their facilities.
- Other duties as needed.

Desired Skills:
- Written and verbal communication
- Microsoft Excel and Word proficiency
- Ability to work independently
- Works well on a team

Timeline: The lead and pesticides internship is estimated to last no more than four months.

Desired hours per week: 20 – 40 (preference will be given to qualified candidates available to work more hours per week).
**Desired start date:** Flexible (Note: From the time of acceptance, there will be a 2-4-week period prior to first day of work while paperwork is completed.)

**How to Apply:** Email your transcripts, resume, cover sheet to Kimberly Pardue-Welch at parduewelch.kimberly@epa.gov by Friday, April 5, 2019.

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