

United States Department of the Interior

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: USGS-IDWSC-201805-2

Announcement Open May 21 to June 10, 2018 Position Type Part Time

Period:

Work Authorization: U.S. Citizen Salary Level: \$15.38/hour

Duration Not to exceed 2 yrs. Hours/Week 20-40 depending on

school schedule.

Travel Percentage: Varies – Summer >30% GPA: Greater than 3.0

School Year about 10%

DESCRIPTION

1. **Type of services required**: The prospective student contractor will be participating in hydrographic field surveys to support staff in routine data collection activities. The student contractor will assist USGS hydrologic technicians in maintaining the Eastern Idaho stream gage network. The student contractor will participate in various tasks including, but not limited to: stream discharge measurements using traditional USGS methods, assist in performing horizontal level surveys to maintain vertical datums, assist in collecting and processing water quality samples. Fieldwork associated with the hydrographic surveys may include assisting in the setup and operation of data collection and processing equipment. The majority of these tasks are performed in the field and will require some overnight travel.

2. Required expertise/skills:

- a. Successful completion of Introduction to Hydrology/Hydraulics
- b. Basic Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry
- c. Knowledge of and ability to follow field and lab safety procedures
- d. Basic knowledge of computer systems, programs and applications to accomplish research related tasks
- e. Strong verbal communication skills
- f. Ability and willingness to work in a group
- g. Must be a licensed driver, as operation of Government vehicles may be required.
- 3. Description of Working Conditions: Fieldwork would require frequent physical exertion to collect data, including walking long distances over rough, rocky, or uneven terrain; lifting and carrying equipment and supplies; wading streams in all types of weather; and dealing with potentially dangerous wild animals. The work regularly involves moderate risks or discomforts associated with visiting field sites with limited access, under adverse weather or flooding conditions. Work may require the use of special clothing or gear such as masks, coats, boots, goggles, respirators, or life jackets.
- 4. **Compensation:** \$15.38 per hour for a student who has at least two years of college.

- 5. Student is responsible for all costs of transportation to and from the principal duty station location. The Government does not provide housing, meals or other living expenses while working at the principal duty station.
- 6. **Principal duty station:** 366 D Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83402
- 7. **Schedule:** Work is intermittent and temporary. Scheduling will be full time during the summer months, and part time during the school year (Flexing with school schedules and not more than 30 hours per week). Contract will not exceed 2 years.

SPECIAL TERMS:

For all legal purposes, student is regarded as an independent contractor. Payments for services are reportable and taxable as earned income. No Federal, State, or Local income taxes will be deducted. NO social security or Medicare taxes will be deducted. Student is responsible or payment of all taxes as a result of income received under this order. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will report the total amount paid under this order to the Internal Revenue Service on a Standard Form 1099. The student is not considered an employee and will not receive a W-2 form.

For payment, the student must have a checking or savings account at a financial institution that will accept direct deposits of Federal Funds.

Student will be required to complete and clear a background investigation /fingerprint security clearance. Once selected, will also be required to complete computer security awareness training and comply with the USGS computer and Network Security Handbook.

The USGS is an equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, marital status, national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Work will be overseen by Brian Twining, Supervisory Hydrologist. For questions related directly to the job, contact Brian at BTWINING@USGS.GOV or (208) 227-6498.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants must submit cover letter, resume, and unofficial transcript. Email is the preferred method of submission. BTWINING@USGS.GOV Or Mail to: USGS, Idaho Water Science Center, Attn: Brian Twining, Field Office Chief, PO Box 51099, Idaho Falls, ID 83405.