

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Research Analyst (Temporary)
Responsible to: Director of Sustainability Programs
Location: Burlington, VT

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Summary of Position:

This position is a temporary position to support an existing contract through March, 2010.

The Research Analyst (temporary) will be a member of a team that performs quantitative sustainability and vulnerability assessments for a variety of U.S. government and commercial clients. These analyses tend to focus on freshwater shortages and surplus, cover large geographic areas (e.g., global or continental scale), and use data derived from satellite remote sensing, geospatial analysis, and quantitative environmental, social, political, economic indicators.

Duties:

1. Use industry standard geospatial analysis software such as ArcGIS, IMAGINE, ENVI, and/or IDRISI to run state of the art geospatial models and perform quality control/assurance on results.
2. Interpret results from statistical analyses.
3. Develop and run custom scripts and programs in programming environments such as Python, VBA, and/or Kepler. Familiarity with Java a plus.
4. Integrate data from a variety of sources, formats, and disciplines into coherent databases.
5. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor degree in environmental science, computer science, mathematics, political science, or related discipline. Post graduate education preferred.
2. Demonstrated interest and ability to understand and analyze sustainability and vulnerability, particularly assessments of freshwater issues.
3. Demonstrated interest and understanding of geospatial analysis using satellite remote sensing and geographic information systems.

Work Schedule:

40 hours per week. Nominal schedule is 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with opportunities for flexible schedules pending approval by manager.

Security Clearances:

In the event that this position requires security clearances at a future time, continued employment will depend upon obtaining such clearances.

Compensation:

Competitive salary based on relevant experience and training.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should email a letter of introduction stating qualifications and salary history, along with a resume, to jobs@isciences.com by November 6, 2009.

Alternate mailing address:

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