

OUTREACH NOTICE  
**Regional Biomass and Wood Innovation Program**  
**Manager: GS-1301-13**  
SOUTHERN REGION  
ATLANTA, GA

The Southern Region will be advertising a **GS-1301-13, Forester (Regional Biomass and Wood Innovation Program Manager)** position in the Forest Management Unit of the Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia. The Forest Management Unit provides professional and technical leadership and management direction for forest planning, the use of forest regulation and silvicultural systems, reforestation, stand improvement, genetic resource management, stand exam inventory and monitoring, and the use of integrated pest management on the National Forests in the Southern Region. The Unit also has responsibilities in coordination with Research in silviculture and forest inventory, and performing staff analysis in appeals and litigation of timber actions and leading the Region's Research Natural Area program.

**Duty Station:** The duty station will be at the Southern Regional Office, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA. 30309

**Duties:** USDA Forest Service Southern Region will soon be advertising an exciting job opportunity. This position is located in a Regional Office in Atlanta, GA and manages the Woody Biomass and Wood Innovation Programs for the Region. The incumbent serves as a regionally recognized expert in promoting and facilitating woody biomass utilization, bioenergy, and wood innovation technologies that can provide efficient wood utilization and economic development options to forest land owners and communities. The position provides specialized and professional guidance, leadership, coordination, and program direction, while working with a diversity of partners and stakeholders and communicating regularly with counterparts throughout the Region and country. In addition, the position formulates Regional program policies and guidance, develops materials that communicate the intent and importance of the woody biomass/bioenergy and wood innovation programs, and contributes to the ongoing development and integrated delivery of all Forest Management and State and Private Forestry programs.

- Serves as a regionally recognized expert in identifying and supporting woody biomass demand development through program investments in facilities, communities and Forest collaborators.
- Provides technical advice and assistance to communities, tribes, the Forest Service and other federal and state agencies to identify, research, and develop potential solutions to wood utilization and forest management to meet forest landowners and community needs, including opportunities for conversion of facilities to bioenergy sources.

- Develops and maintains a business and marketing perspective to link woody biomass utilization and wood innovation concepts with economic development opportunities.
- Works closely with the National Forests, tribes, states, and private forest land owners to address issues related to the supply of small diameter and under-utilized timber for biomass and bioenergy efforts that create family waged jobs in rural areas.
- Promotes studies and the development of data, and works with other Forest Service staff groups to identify high potential program delivery areas and better focus program investments.
- Leads the development and adoption of performance measures that capture program outcomes for reports to congress and the administration.

### **Metropolitan Atlanta:**

The Greater metro-Atlanta area spans 10 counties with approximately 3.5 million people. The population is diverse, with strong ethnic African, Hispanic, Asian and Eastern Indian communities. Cable television networks broadcast in Spanish and multi-cultural newspapers are also available. Ethnic specialty stores can be found including food, and retail markets including business services. This was one of the strong selling points and one of the key deciding factors in successfully being selected as the Host City for the 1996 Olympic Games. A great place to live and work!

Atlanta is home to the **Atlanta Falcons** football team and was the site of the 2000 Super Bowl. The Phillips Arena is the home to the **Atlanta Hawks** basketball team and **Atlanta Thrashers** Hockey Team. It also hosts live concerts and shows. The **CNN studios** offer daily tours. Turner Field is home to the World Champion **Atlanta Braves** baseball team.

**Piedmont Park** - A 180-acre haven for walkers, joggers, roller skaters, roller bladers, picnickers, tennis and softball players. The Park plays a prominent role on the Fourth of July each year as the finish point for the **10K Peachtree Road Race** that host 50,000+ runners. A large portion of the park includes the **Atlanta Botanical Gardens** and its \$3.5 million Fuqua Conservatory, an oasis of exotic tropical plants from around the world.

The **Atlanta Ballet** performs at the Civic Center, adjacent to **SciTrek**, where more than 100 hand-on-exhibits illustrate basic principles of science and their application of everyday life.

Atlanta is becoming a Southern version of off-Broadway. Anchored by the Woodruff Arts Center, which includes the **Atlanta Symphony**, the **Alliance and Studio Theatres**, and the **High Museum of Art**, Midtown is the address of at least 10 other live

performance theaters. One of them is the **Fabulous Fox**, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The **Fernbank Museum of Natural History** is the largest natural history museum in the Southeast and is one of the largest planetariums in the nation, which also houses the IMAX Theater.

**Chastain Memorial Park Amphitheater.** Open-air concertgoers dine in elegant fashion at picnic suppers before performances of the Atlanta Symphony or luminaries from the world of jazz and pop.

The world's largest mass of exposed granite with the world's largest bas-relief sculpture carved on its side - **Georgia's Stone Mountain Park**. The 200-acre park is a wonderland of outdoor recreation and family fun. Top attractions include 36 holes of championship golf, an 80-passenger skylift, spectacular summer laser light show, and the Road to Tara Museum, which has the largest permanent public exhibit of Gone with the Wind memorabilia.

And Atlanta's **Cyclorama and Civil War Museum** located in **Zoo Atlanta, World of Coca-Cola** (adjacent to **Underground**) - the largest collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia in existence, the African-American Panoramic Experience - **APEX** - offers local history, **Carter Presidential Center, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, White Water, Six Flags Over Georgia**, and abundance of malls all over the metro area, luxurious rental houseboats on **Lake Lanier** - less than an hour north of Atlanta - -and an hour south of Atlanta is the beautiful **Calloway Gardens**, and naturally we can't forget the hundreds of fairs and festivals every year that occur in Centennial Olympic Park , North Georgia Mountain communities to the east coast Georgia beaches of Jeckyl and Cumberland Islands.

**Educational Institutions:** There are numerous college and universities located within the metro area including Atlanta Technical Institute, Clark Atlanta University, Emory University, and University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Morris Brown College, Oglethorpe University, and Spelman College. Local schools offer either public or private educational opportunities for K-12. The metro area secondary school system represents some of the best schools in the State. **Note: A Real Plus**, if your children are approaching or currently attending High School, check out the **Georgia Hope Grant**, supported by the Georgia Lottery, for high school graduates maintaining a B average, college tuition is paid for residents attending statewide colleges.

**Transportation:** Atlanta/Hartsfield International Airport, is one of the largest air transportation centers in the world, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's (MARTA) rapid rail lines is a national-acclaimed public transportation, with 46 miles of track and 1,541 miles of feeder bus routes. This is a commute option with potential for reimbursement.

The local Cobb and Gwinnett Counties provide express buses from the suburban areas to downtown access to the Regional Office. **Note: This is a real plus** when you consider enrolling in the federal transit subsidy program that currently provides trip passes and tokens a month to offset your commute. This provides an environmentally and economical way to access work in the regional office.

**Housing:** Atlanta has it all from "in-town" to country living (just a short distance from downtown). Housing prices range from modest to millions! Generally you could expect to live approximately 26 miles away and have a 45-minute to 1-hour commute. Rental apartments are plentiful in the city and surrounding metro area with prices depending on location. Atlanta's cost of living is lower than many other major metropolitan areas including Washington, D.C., New York, Boston, Denver, Portland, OR, Orlando, FL., and Charlotte, NC. In addition, a **locality payment** is effective for Atlanta, GA. for federal employees with that duty station.

**Medical:** A good selection of health care is available, including doctors, dentists, and specialists. A wide variety of home care, adult and children day care, nursing homes and mental health facilities are also available.

**Churches:** Atlanta churches reflect the rich diversity of faith of its people. The Atlanta religious community exudes charm, with friendly faces and the spirit of community. The abundance of faiths and places of worship in the metro area makes it easy to find a place to meet your spiritual needs. For more information, check out the web site at [www.accessatlanta.com](http://www.accessatlanta.com) to gain an overview of what's current in the Atlanta area.

**Contact:**

We encourage you to express your interest in our position by sending the attached **Outreach Response Form** and a resume to Jeff M. Matthews, Acting Director of Forest Management. Please respond by December 8, 2017. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact Jeff ([jmmatthews@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmmatthews@fs.fed.us)) at phone (404) 347-4172 or Kay Reed ([kayreed@fs.fed.us](mailto:kayreed@fs.fed.us)) or (404) 347-7200.

## OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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Southern Region – Atlanta, GA  
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Respond to [jmmatthews@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmmatthews@fs.fed.us)

By December 8, 2017

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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### WORK EXPERIENCE:

Current title/series/grade/location: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Type of appointment you are currently under: \_\_\_\_\_  
(E.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc.)

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_