



Outreach Notice
Eastern Region (Region 9)
State & Private Forestry
Regional Wood Utilization Specialist
GS-0101/0401/1301-13
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Reply Due: August 1, 2019

About the Position:

The Eastern Region (Region 9) State and Private Forestry, Forest Health Protection Program, will be advertising a permanent full-time **GS-0101/0401/1301-13 Regional Wood Utilization Specialist** position located in the Eastern Regional Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The position works within the Forest Health Protection (FHP) staff area and, in coordination with the Regional Biomass Coordinator and others, provides overall leadership and coordination of the Eastern Region's wood utilization program, including primary and secondary wood processing, efficient utilization of urban tree removals, and partnerships to solve forest products related issues and support the forest products industry.

Major Duties:

The incumbent will serve as the recognized expert, program authority and principal advisor for the Eastern Region's wood utilization program. Responsibilities include:

- Serves as a technical expert and a key source of information on forest products manufacturing technology for the primary and secondary wood products industry. Maintains networks with scientists who are experts in these fields to

keep abreast of the latest trends and innovations in design, testing, manufacturing and waste management techniques.

- Formulates, plans, organizes, and directs pilot projects and impact studies to enhance primary and secondary wood processing and woody biomass utilization using multidisciplinary approaches, efficient utilization of urban tree removals, partnerships to solve forest health, forest management, and forest products related issues.
- Advances market development and utilization of wood products by supporting the expansion and acceleration of innovative technologies and strategies that promote the use of wood in the Eastern Region's economy to benefit forest health and reduce dependence on non-renewable options.
- Provides technical assistance concerning wood utilization options to field specialists, local and state organizations, non-governmental organizations, private landowners, and/or other Federal agencies.
- Administers the Forest Service's Wood Innovation Funding Opportunity program, which encourages the expansion and creation of new wood markets and products for trees in and around national forests.
- Develops and implements strategies to increase communication, cooperation, and collaborative problem solving within the forest products industry.
- Assists with administration of grants, agreements, and budget for the Eastern Region's Forest Health Protection program, as needed.

The Duty Station:



The duty station for this position is located in vibrant downtown Milwaukee, in the historic Gaslight Building, just two blocks from the Lake Michigan waterfront. Milwaukee is a small version of Chicago, a typical mid-western city where the people are friendly. The Milwaukee area has solid schools, many performing arts opportunities, major league sports, good public transportation, and a location on Lake Michigan, the second largest of the five Great Lakes, by volume.

Metro Milwaukee, Wisconsin's largest population center, is 90 miles north of Chicago. Metro Milwaukee encompasses four counties and has a combined population of more than 1.4 million people. It ranks as the nation's 36th largest metropolitan area. The city of Milwaukee ranks as the nation's 17th largest city with a population of 620,609.

The Milwaukee area offers a high quality of life for many reasons. It's big enough to offer urban amenities, yet it also offers a small-town feeling in many well-established and proud neighborhoods. It is home to a diverse community of people. Milwaukee is serviced by a community based public school system, numerous hospitals and health care facilities and churches.

Milwaukee offers four seasons with average temperatures ranging from

- ~ 12-39°F during winter,
- ~ 36-75°F during spring,
- ~ 54-81°F during summer, and
- ~ 18-59°F during fall.

Average annual precipitation is 31 inches and average annual snowfall is 47 inches. The growing season for gardens is generally from May 15 to September 15. Midsummer can have hot and humid stretches and winter is typically cold.

The city's natural beauty includes a 14,759 acre county park system and a setting on the shore of Lake Michigan. Milwaukee is on the doorstep of many Wisconsin inland lakes, streams, farms, and forests where skiing, hiking, swimming, hunting, and fishing can keep you active year-round. Sailing, charter boating, biking, indoor and outdoor ice skating, and golfing are among the many other recreation opportunities available.

Milwaukee is an urban center, yet travel is fairly un-congested. Public transportation is offered through the County of Milwaukee bus system. General Mitchell International Airport is also conveniently located near the Regional Office in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee is nationally recognized as the "City of Festivals" and for the "Great Circus Parade." Festivals start in June with Summerfest and continue through the summer as different ethnic groups host weekend festivities at the lakefront. Milwaukee has a renowned public museum, excellent library facilities, numerous radio and TV stations, a major daily newspaper, botanical gardens, and a zoo. For the art enthusiast, the city boasts a world-class symphony orchestra, theater, opera and ballet companies, and an outstanding art museum. For the sports fan, this is a major league sports center. It's the home of baseball's Milwaukee Brewers, basketball's Milwaukee Bucks, hockey's Milwaukee Admirals and soccer's Milwaukee Wave.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University offer outstanding post-secondary education opportunities. In addition, there are also 10 colleges, two technical schools, and numerous specialty schools to choose from.

Additional Information

Please contact Susan Ellsworth, Assistant Director for Forest Health and Economics, at 414-297-3021 or susan.ellsworth@usda.gov if you have any questions regarding this position.

How to Respond

Please respond directly in the outreach database. Email is also acceptable.

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