



OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
SOUTHWESTERN REGION
Albuquerque, New Mexico
TERM Full-time Position – 7/9 GIS Specialist
Reply Due COB 12/12/2015**

Position to be advertised

The Southwestern Regional Office will soon be advertising a GS- 0101/0401/1301 7/9 Term, full-time Geographic Information Specialist within the GIS/Photogrammetry Unit in the Geospatial Services Group at the Regional Office. Former federal service is not a requirement for this position. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform interested applicants of the upcoming opportunity and determine appropriate recruitment methods and area of consideration that will generate a diverse and highly qualified applicant pool for the position.

To express interest in this position, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return by December 12, 2015. The announcement number will be circulated when available and will be sent to everyone who responds to this outreach. The announcement will be posted on the USAJOBS website www.usajobs.gov.

For more information, contact Candace Bogart GIS Program Manager at 505-842-3858.

About the Position

Travel is required occasionally and/or overnight. This initial appointment will last a minimum of 13 months with the option to be extended up to a 4 year limit.

The primary purpose of this position but not limited to is to provide GIS support for 2 projects: the Arizona Trail Database and editing for a Southwestern Region National Hydrography Dataset initiative. We are looking for an individual who has:

- Skill in the use of software applications including ESRI ArcGIS 10.2, ArcGIS OnLine, word processing, spreadsheets and databases.
- Ability to collaborate with internal and external partners to facilitate the use of consistent data dictionaries.
- Ability to multi-task under short turn-a-round time frames
- Good organizational and communication skills

About the Region: The Southwestern Region is comprised of 11 National Forests and 4 National Grasslands located in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, encompassing over 20 million acres. Diversity is a description that fits the Region well. The area is rich in cultural, geological, and biological diversity. Vegetation types range from high elevation alpine meadows to low elevation sonoran deserts. The forests also hold some of the older archaeological, cultural and natural wonders of the Southwest. The grasslands are fully restored from their “Dust Bowl” days, and demonstrate correct use of their fragile soils. The forests and grasslands of the Southwest helped to define the culture and character of many of the communities and are woven together with the people and the history of this region.

The Community

Albuquerque is known for having one of the best year-round climates in the US: with 4 distinct seasons, 310 sunny days per year, warm summer days and cool evenings. The summer temperatures average 42 to 91, with some warmer days. Spring and fall temperatures average 43-70, and the winters are fairly mild, with temperatures averaging 23 to 49, with a few colder days. Snow is anticipated in the city only about 5-10 days per year, usually clearing off by mid-morning. Albuquerque is high altitude semi-arid with only about 8-10 inches of precipitation a year, most coming as rain during July and August. The city is situated in the central Rio Grande River valley at an elevation of 5300 feet at the base of the Sandia Mountains, with Sandia Peak having an elevation of over 10,000 feet.

Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico, and is the 38th largest city in the United States, having a population of approximately 550,000 people. The Southwestern US is one of the most diverse and rapidly growing regions of the country. In 1997, New Mexico became the first state in the continental US in which “minority groups” collectively represent over 50 percent of the state’s population. This “minority-majority” demographic situation is an indication of the complexity, diversity and opportunities that the Southwestern Region faces as it carries out its mission of “Caring for the land and Serving the people.” Recently, Albuquerque was named one of America’s top 10 “Family Friendly Cities” and the “Best Multicultural Mecca” by a national family magazine.

Recreational and Outdoor Opportunities:

Albuquerque offers hundreds of city parks, 6 public golf courses, 31 parks with public tennis courts, 13 public swimming pools, 14 community centers, 18 libraries, and 6 Senior Citizen Centers and over 200 miles of biking routes and trails. Cultural opportunities include the Albuquerque Zoological Park, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, All Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque Museum, New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque Aquarium and Botanical Garden, Rio Grande Nature Center, Explora Science Center and Children’s Museum, National Atomic Museum in addition to numerous art galleries. Favorite spectator sports include the Albuquerque Isotopes AAA baseball and great college matchups with the University of New Mexico Lobos.

Albuquerque’s terrain and outstanding climate offers something for every type of outdoor enthusiast. Albuquerque has become known internationally for its Balloon Fiesta every fall which hosts over 500 hot air balloons.

Community Economy

Cost of living is near the national average with the average cost of a single-family home being \$140,000 - \$150,000. Average commute time is less than 30 minutes each way, which is below the national average. Companies such as Intel, Sandia National Labs, and Kirtland Air Force Base have made Albuquerque one of the leading technology centers in the country. In addition, General Mills and General Electric have major facilities in Albuquerque.

Transportation

Albuquerque is served by the Albuquerque International Airport and two general aviation airports. Amtrak and bus lines also serve Albuquerque and there is a local bus system, which also provides transportation for those with special needs by an advance reservation system. A rapid rail system (Rail Runner) runs from Santa Fe to Belen (south of Albuquerque). Many Regional Office employees coming from both the north and south communities use the Rail Runner with a stop within walking distance of the office.

Educational Facilities

The Albuquerque Public School System serves nearly 90,000 students. There are 13 High Schools, 11 Alternative High Schools, 27 Middle Schools, and 89 Elementary Schools. The school district offers many programs for students with special needs. Other educational offerings include many private schools, the University of New Mexico (UNM), and the Central New Mexico Vocational Institute (CNM).

- <http://www.aps.edu/>
- <http://www.cnm.edu/>
- <http://www.unm.edu/>
- <http://www.menaulschool.com/>
- <http://aa.edu/>
- <http://www.bosqueschool.org/>

Information Contact and Outreach Response:

The purpose of this outreach notice is to inform prospective applicants of this unique opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact the following or send in the attached Outreach form:

Attn: Candace Bogart at (505) 842-3858, Regional GIS Coordinator or email cbogart@fs.fed.us

Mailing address: 333 South Broadway, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Please respond by **December 12, 2016**

If you are interested in this position and would like notification of the job announcement when it is issued, please complete this Outreach Interest Form and email to Candace Bogart at cbogart@fs.fed.us . If you do not have email, complete the form and mail to: USDA Forest Service, R3, (Attn: Candace Bogart), 333 South Broadway Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: _____

University Degree in: _____

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT If applicable: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL
AUTHORITIES:

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES (SCHEDULE A APPOINTING AUTHORITY)
- _____ VETERANS RECRUITMENT APPOINTMENT (VRA)
- _____ 30% OR MORE DISABLED VETERAN
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998, AS AMENDED (VEOA)
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SCEP)
- _____ OTHER _____

Applicants may use this space to identify special qualifications, interest, needs or provide other information.