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## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT INSPECTOR (Start) / VMI, Start (IBEW w/ Benefits) JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Jefferson Resource Company (JRC)** is currently seeking Vegetation Management Inspectors (Start) / VMI, Start with positions available on November 1, 2021. JRC is a full-service forestry and utility consulting firm with California offices in Siskiyou, Nevada, El Dorado, and Shasta Counties.

**POSITION: Vegetation Management Inspector (Start) / VMI, Start.** This is an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1245 represented classification, subject to future collective bargaining. The IBEW agreement includes a full benefit package. Preference will be given to applicants with utility experience or who are an ISA Certified Arborist.

## SALARY: Non-exempt position starting at \$35.17 per hour, with all overtime paid at double the base rate (i.e. \$70.34 per hour starting) and a \$50 daily subsistence pay.

BENEFITS: Medical, dental, vision, disability, life, retirement, pension, vacation, holiday, bereavement, and sick.

**TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:** Travel may be required. Work is scheduled Monday through Friday and may at times include weekend or holiday work.

**WORK LOCATION:** Current work is based out of our Grass Valley office and includes travel to surrounding counties throughout Northern California, determined by client needs.

Qualifications: Qualifications must fulfill the general requirements and at least one experience / education requirement below:

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School diploma or GED AND
- Required to maintain a Class C driver's license AND must meet one of the experience levels below:
- <u>Preferred</u> Experience / education requirements: Preference will be given to applicants who meet one of the following:
- One to eleven months of related arboricultural experience, OR
  - o ISA Certified Arborist, OR
  - o 2-year or 4-year college degree in a related field
  - Spanish Speaking is a plus.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:** Performs a variety of vegetation management duties under the leadership of a supervisor, job duties are outlined below:

## **Primary Duties:**

• Patrolling: perform circuit patrols in accordance with the annual VM plan, VM patrol standards and processes. Identifying required tree work along the existing PG&E rights-of- way; prescribing tree work to be performed; document inspection done.

• Notifying property owners/agencies when tree work will occur and obtaining any necessary authorizations from the property owners/agencies to perform the tree work.

- May do work verification inspections of locations for tree work completion.
- Tree-Related Outages: May perform investigation and documentation of tree-related outages and attending outage meetings as requested.

• Tag Work: When assigned perform tracking, field checking, prescribing of work, and notifying of customers associated with non-routine locations. These locations may come from Electric Corrective (EC/LC) notifications, Gas OCW notifications, Customer Care & Billing (CC&B) Cases, or as assigned. Close out CC&B cases in the field after fielding the case.

• Emergency Response: May support emergency response such as directed by OEC, or level one operations. Such as dispatching tree crews, field checking sites, first responder stand-by agreements.

- Primarily works independently as instructed by Supervisor.
- Supports oversight of vegetation projects, including field operations such as tree assessment, tree trimming, and other work as required.
- Supports the compliance with vegetation management program scope, contract adherence, and PG&E standards and

specifications over the entire PG&E service territory.

• Participates in Contractor safety and tailboard meetings to ensure crews follow Company and regulatory (e.g. OSHA) safety, standards and work procedures. Vegetation Management Inspectors are authorized and expected to suspend Contractor work when necessary.

• Acts as a customer relations representative on behalf of PG&E.

• On site supports the coordination between Contractors, Communities, Agencies, First Responders, and all other PG&E workgroups & stakeholders that may be involved in the successful completion of the vegetation project.

• Ensures compliance with all applicable regulations which may include, but are not limited to: Annual permits, Encroachment permits, Traffic Control Plans, railroad permits, Caltrans permits, and environmental protection measures as documented on Environmental Release to Construction.

• Proficient in electronic devices and documentation proficiency. As assigned, completes electronic and paper- based documentation and reporting.

All VM Inspectors are required to complete the following training within the first year of employment:

- 911 Standby training
- Pre-Inspector Structure Learning Path (SLP)

**Education and Experience:** A two-year degree in forestry, environmental science or related disciplines preferred, but consideration will be given to potential candidates who meet the minimum requirements.

**Qualifications:** To perform this position successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Must maintain and carry a valid driver license and remain eligible to operate company vehicles including trucks and all-terrain vehicles.

**Physical Demands and Working Environment:** The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Employee must be able to maintain attention and concentration for extended periods of time. Reasonable accommodations, if available, may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

**Environment:** Work alone in an outdoor field environment; vehicle and foot patrol of utility power lines; remote locations as well as urban/city environments; physical demands and travel from site to site, including: walking/hiking on various surfaces including flat, dry, wet, slippery, uneven, rough, steep terrain, hills and slopes; exposure to noise, dust, grease, and all types of weather and temperature conditions; exposure to hazardous traffic conditions.

**Physical Demands:** Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in a field environment; to walk, stand, sit, and operate a motor vehicle for prolonged periods of time; to frequently stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, run, crawl, climb, reach, twist, grasp and make repetitive hand movement in the performance of daily duties; carry, push and/or pull light to moderate amounts of weight (5 to 10 lbs.); to operate assigned equipment and vehicles; ability to verbally communicate to exchange information with public; ability to see and hear in normal range with or without correction; operate assigned field equipment, including handheld computer, range finder, fire rake, water backpack, shovel, and traffic cone.

**Equal Opportunity**: JRC provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

To Apply: Email cover letter and résumé to employment@jeffersonresource.com