



Lead Marine Mammal Observers (PSOs)

Location: Hampton Roads, VA

Start Date: October 2018

REMSA, Inc. www.remsainc.com is seeking skilled and experienced Lead Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) to assist our Marine Endangered Species Observer (MESO) Program in performing work on a large marine construction project for one of our clients.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Lead MMOs will conduct and oversee protected species observations and mitigation measures during a large marine construction project in the Hampton Roads, Virginia area. Lead MMOs will maintain and oversee watches for marine mammals and protected species in impact zones.

Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Identify marine animals to species.
- Record sightings, distance, and behavior of marine species.
- Maintain organized and up-to-date logs.
- Utilize optical equipment to assess distance, species, and behavior of marine mammals.
- Follow, implement, and ensure that all protocols as outlined in the Marine Mammal Monitoring Plan are being followed by all MMOs.
- Monitor and record environmental data, perform quality assurance.
- Prepare and oversee submission of daily, weekly, and monthly forms and reports.
- Communicate with team members and construction personnel via radio
- Serve as primary contact when communicating with on-site project personnel to initiate project shut-downs when necessary.
- Report interactions with endangered/threatened species to construction personnel, the Company, and governmental agencies as instructed.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a US Citizen or authorized to work in the U.S without sponsorship or restrictions
- Have, or be eligible to obtain, Endangered/Protected Species approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Valid Driver's License & Clean Driving Record.
- Must have, or be able to obtain, a Federal Transportation Identification Workers Card (TWIC).

Lead MMOs may be required to work outside during adverse/inclement weather conditions for long periods of time.

Education: Bachelor's Degree (or higher) in Marine Biology, Ecology, Zoology, or related field.

Experience and skills:

- Prior marine mammal observation experience and associated training courses.
- Ability to use advanced optical equipment and measure at-sea distances.
- Knowledge of Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Ability to follow safety protocols and technical instructions as required.
- Ability to serve as Team Lead for all MMO personnel on the project
- Excellent Communication (orally, by radio and face to face) and writing skills.
- Experience and or training in construction operations
- Experience and ability to conduct and oversee field observations and data collection

COMPENSATION:

Based on qualifications and experience

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Interested applicants should send the following application materials asap:

1. Detailed resume documenting all relevant experience, education, and skills
2. Copies of NMFS approval/certifications, MMO training certificates
3. Cover letter outlining why you would be a good fit for this position
4. Three professional references including phone number and email address

Submit all materials as attachments: PDF files or MS Word files via email to emcmichael@remsainc.com or fax to 757-722-4571.

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