



**MANATEE OBSERVERS** - Positions available asap!

*REMSA Inc's Marine Endangered Species Observer (MESO) Program is seeking skilled and experienced Protected Species Observers (ESOs/PSOs) with previous manatee monitoring experience for several projects throughout Florida. Project duration ranges from 35 days up to 2 years, depending on location.*

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

Protected Species Observers will conduct protected species observations and mitigation measures during a marine construction projects in several Florida locations. PSOs will be required to perform duties in adverse/inclement weather and during daylight and nighttime shifts 12 hours in duration. Must be able to work independently and follow technical instructions as required.

**Duties include, but are not limited to the following:**

- Identification of marine animals to species
- Maintain watch for marine mammals, specifically manatees, in all mitigation zones
- Record sightings of marine species, keep organized and up-to-date logs, complete daily summary reports
- Coordinate temporary project shut-downs when manatees are present in project zones
- Ability to work outside during any weather conditions for long periods of time
- Ability to effectively communicate with team members and construction personnel
- Report interactions with endangered/threatened species to REMSA, Inc. personnel, construction company, and various government agencies as instructed

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**Must have prior experience monitoring for manatee interactions during construction projects**

**Must be a U.S. Citizen or have authorization to work in the U.S. without sponsorship or restrictions**

**Must have (or be eligible to obtain) Endangered/Protected Species approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)**

**Must have prior marine mammal and sea turtle observation experience**

**Must have a valid Driver's License & Clean Driving Record**

**Must have or be able to obtain a Federal Transportation Identification Workers Card (TWIC)**

**Must have Bachelors Degree in Marine Biology, Ecology, Zoology, or related field**

**Knowledge of Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act**

**Must be able to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team**

**BENEFITS & SALARY:**

*These are Independent Contractor positions, daily rates depend on experience*

*Housing and daily food stipend provided in addition to daily rate*

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Interested applicants should send the following application materials:

- **Detailed resume** documenting all relevant experience, education, and skills
- **Copies** of NMFS approval/certifications, MMO training certificates
- **Cover letter** outlining why you would be a good fit for this position

**Submit all materials as attachments: PDF files or MS Word files via email to:**

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