JOB DESCRIPTION

Consulting Utility Forester – QA/QC

Responsibilities:

- Inspect completed vegetation management work that has been executed by a separate vegetation management contractor
- Inspections will include: interruption investigations and other patrols for vegetation conditions on the transmission or distribution system
- Identify vegetation that was not managed correctly or will not provide the reliability benefits intended by the utility’s program goals
- Develop inspection reports based on findings
- Communicate with vegetation management contractor and the utility to ensure deficient locations are completed
- Inspect priority trees and evaluate tree risk
- Provide weekly reports/scorecards on progress and results of inspections for each program
- Annual aerial patrol, reporting and ground inspections
- Inspect, identify, and evaluate trees and brush along electric ROWs
- Notify customers and obtain work authorization of vegetation management with private, local, state, and federal land owners
- Submit inspection results and work plans to utility clients with remediation recommendations
- Extensive drive time through the state inspecting vegetation management work
- Detailed data collection
- Conduct safety audits and tree risk assessments
- Interact with customers and respond to customer inquiries
- Conduct QA/QC field auditing of line clearance work
- Estimate vegetation management work to be performed
- Interact with municipalities and shad tree organizations
- Utilize GIS maps, rangefinders, tremble units, planning software on tablets on a daily basis
- Assist during emergency response times such as storms or fires as needed
- Perform other related duties as required or assigned

Minimum Requirements:

- Associate’s Degree in Forestry or related field or 2+ years of experience if no degree
- Valid driver’s license with a clean driving record
- Species identification skills and knowledge of tree growth rates
- Ability to work independently with good time management
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent customer service skills
- Ability to travel and work in rugged terrain and inclement weather
- Proficient in map navigation skills
- Experience with Microsoft Office and data collection software (GIS experience a plus)
- ISA Arborist Certification preferred but not required
- Pesticide Technician Applicator License preferred but not required