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Iowa DNR

State Forestry Nursery  Ames, IA
Forestry Specialist - Temporary
(Tentative) March 1st- May 30th
*Start date dependent on weather*

$11/hr  Up to 20 hours/week

Potential to continue into
Summer- up to 40 hours/week

To Apply:
Duties of the Forestry Specialist:

- Collection, harvest and grading of tree seedling stock:
  - Assist with all aspects of tree seedling identification, harvest, collection and grading of seedling stock for storage, stratification and distribution.
- Propagation, planting, locating of seed sources, collection of tree seeds:
  - Conduct activities associated with collection of seed stock, propagation, location of rare species, development of methods for new tree species production, maintenance and production of seedlings.

Related duties:

- Assist full-time staff with weed control, tree and brush removal.
- Assist with field site prep for planting, irrigation of seedlings, and general field maintenance.
- Perform general maintenance including snow removal, cleaning, small repairs, vehicle and equipment maintenance.
- Move and load/unload materials, supplies and equipment; haul/carry packages, seedlings, other materials up to 50 lbs. in a fast-paced environment.
- Lift seedlings from the field and load into baskets for cold storage.
- Sort and grade seedlings according to species, size and quality.
- Bag and prepare seedlings for shipping and distribution.
- Collect seed in designated areas. Sort, handle and clean seeds to prepare for planting.
- Operate hand tools; clippers, saws, weed-eaters. Preferred experience operating small tractors and forklifts.
Required Competencies:

- Ability to understand and follow oral/verbal instructions.
- Ability to apply personal work attitudes such as honesty, responsibility and trustworthiness and reliability required to be a productive employee.
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous, and cooperative manner. Committed to quality service.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.
- Works with minimal supervision. Demonstrates responsible behavior and attention to detail.
- Responds appropriately to supervision. Makes an effort to follow policy and cooperate with supervisors.
- Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity. Fosters commitment and team spirit.
- Expresses information to individuals or groups effectively, taking into account the audience and nature of the information. Listens to others and responds appropriately.
- Ability to work alone and with others, under all weather conditions, and on occasional weekends and evenings as necessary.
- Must have keen attention to detail and observational skills.
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

For additional information regarding the position, please contact:

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