Job Posting: Temporary Pollinator Field Technician

The Cariveau Native Bee Lab at the University of Minnesota is looking for one seasonal technician for summer field work to start immediately. This position is a temporary appointment ranging approximately 3 months and with a starting rate of $15.14/hour.

Description:
Technicians will be taking part in research investigating the bee and plant communities of prairie restorations and remnants. The lab provides housing for technicians in Spicer, Minnesota during field sampling which will go until early September.

Activities include:

Netting and processing of bees specimens collected in the field.

Identifying and recording of prairie plant communities.

Entering collected data into Excel spreadsheets.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate would be available until at least September 7th to spend extended overnight periods at the lab’s field house in Spicer, MN. Ideally this person would live at the house until end of field season. The ability to find housing in the twin cities and continue until the end of the three month term would be ideal but is not required.

Desired skills include:

Ability to tolerate challenging conditions in hot and humid weather while subject to biting insects.

Experience in bee netting and sampling protocols and the ability to distinguish bees from other flying insects.

Experience pinning and curating insect specimens.

Experience with the identification of prairie forb species.

Please send a single PDF with your resume, cover letter, and contact information for 2 references to Ian Lane (lanex173@umn.edu), subject line: “Mid-summer Field Technician Application” followed by your name. Position will be open until filled.