**Field Assistant Recruitment Bulletin**

**Vacancy No: CAWSC -47**

**Date Opened: 07/21/2017**

**Date Closed: 08/03/2017**

**POSTION:** Biological Science Technician, GG-0404-05 – SALARY $16.98 per hour

**TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:** Temporary, not to exceed 180 days in one year. May be extended for an additional one year without further competition.

**TOUR OF DUTY:** Full-time

**LENGTH OF POSITION:** 180 days

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** All U.S. Citizens

**LOCATION:** California Water Science Center

**DUTY STATION:** Sacramento, California

**THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION** for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status may apply and be considered. Appointments to this position will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will be only for the duration of the position, normally 3 -6 months. The Social Security Retirement System covers temporary employees, annual and sick leave will be accrued except in intermittent status. Employees are ineligible for health and life insurance coverage. Housing is not provided. Per Diem will be paid for duty days in the field (50 miles from Sacramento). Work schedule will be dependent on needs of assignments.

**Major Duties**

Incumbent performs technical work in a laboratory or field environment in support of professional or technical employees engaged in data collection activities or analysis of biological data collection activities or analysis of biological samples.

Performs one or more of the following duties:

--Collects biological, botany, fisheries, or wildlife data from study files or monitoring stations.

--Performs laboratory analysis of biological samples to determine specified chemical, biological, or physical characteristics.

--Operates a government motor vehicle or a boat as an incidental driver.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

Work is physically demanding and includes walking, bending, climbing, and lifting of equipment up to 100 pounds when in the field, sometimes during adverse conditions.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work is performed outdoors, and involves moderate or sometimes extreme exposure to the discomforts of rain, cold/hot weather, and rapidly running or icy streams and rivers. Special safety precautions are required in many cases, and the employee may typically wear life jackets, special safety boots, waders, and special organism handling gear.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 9 months specialized experience in a field survey party, or 3 years sub professional experience, or 3 year of college study (equivalent 90 semester/135 quarter hours), which included at least 24 semester hour/36 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as biological or physical sciences, engineering, or any branch of mathematics. To qualify at this level, individuals must also have 3 months of lab or field work experience.

Example of Sub-professional Experience include: technical work performed in support of field or laboratory investigations relating to the physical sciences.

Examples of Field Survey Party Experience include: making and recording observations, collecting samples for laboratory analysis, using a variety of surveying instruments.

**BASIS OF EVALUATION:** All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience. Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of this announcement.

**NOTE:** Applicants will receive basic eligible or ineligible rating based upon the qualification requirements. First preference in referral will be given to eligible applicants entitled to 10-point veterans’ preference who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more. All other qualified applicants entitled to veterans’ preference will be given preference over qualified applicants not entitled to veterans’ preference.

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE UNITED STATES CITIZENS.**

As a condition of appointment, all new employees reporting for duty with the Department of Interior will be paid through direct deposit to a financial institution of their choice.

Applicants selected for Federal Employment will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment, OF-306, prior to being appointed to determine their suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. Failure to answer all questions truthfully and completely or providing false statements on the application may be grounds for not hiring the applicant, or for firing the applicant after he/she begins work. Also, he/she may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, section 1001).

Prior to or at the time of appointment, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, will have to certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System in order to be appointed to a position with the U.S. Geological Survey, unless legally qualified for an exception.

Employees of the U.S. Geological Survey are subject to the provisions of Title 43, U.S. Code Section 31 (a) and may not according to this legislation and related regulation (a) have any personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in lands or mineral wealth of such lands or a region under survey and whose title is in the U.S.; (b) execute surveys or examination for private parties or corporations; or (c) have personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business in the U.S. except where specifically authorized by the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Carefully read all information and instructions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to insure the application is complete. The Human Resources Office will not be responsible for soliciting additional information from applicants or from official personnel records, but will consider individuals based on their applications as submitted. Applications must be received by the closing date on the announcement in order to be considered.

Submit a resume and transcripts (unofficial acceptable) to document all education used for position qualification.

To claim 5-point Veterans’ Preference, a DD-214 showing character of discharge is required. If claiming 10-point Veterans’ Preference, a SF-15 with proof of claim is required.

**SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Karen Kreun**

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**OR**

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All faxed applications must be received by midnight of the closing date of the announcement. You are responsible for your applications successful conveyance.

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