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Subject: Grassland bird technician

All – We're looking for a technician to assist with grassland bird surveys for the upcoming summer and would like to get someone with some previous experience (see below). Please distribute!

Description

One technician is needed to conduct grassland bird and vegetation surveys of public and private lands in northeastern North Dakota. The field season will begin mid-May 2016 and end early August 2016. The first two weeks of the season will be used primarily for training on grassland bird visual and auditory identification, distance sampling, and vegetation surveying.

The majority of the season will be used for surveying grassland sites during early morning hours, usually 4:30 AM to 12:30 AM work days. The technician will survey on all days with suitable weather, meaning some weekends may be required. All sites will have vegetation surveys conducted in early-July. On days with poor weather, survey data will be entered and proofed.

Qualifications

Applicants with experience identifying eastern grassland birds by sight and sound are preferred. Experience conducting point counts for any avian species is desired. Additional qualifications include the ability to think independently and work without supervision, navigate to survey locations using a handheld GPS unit, operate a 4WD vehicle safely, record field data accurately, willingness to work during early morning hours and uncomfortable conditions, and enthusiasm for conservation and grassland ecology. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a UND background check.

Duration and Pay

\$15/hour starting Mid-May 2016 and ending early August 2016 with flexible start and end dates. The position will be based in Grand Forks, ND home of the University of North Dakota and take place within the Grand Forks Prairie Project Area. Numerous summer housing options are available around Grand Forks.

Please send cover letter, CV, and contact information for two references via e-mail to Dr. Kathryn Yurkonis at Kathryn.Yurkonis@email.und.edu by March 1st for full consideration. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For questions and additional information please contact:

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