South Dakota Department of Agriculture - Service Forester (urban)
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VETERANS’ PREFERENCE ELIGIBLE

This position will be part of the division’s Urban and Community Forestry team. The incumbent will evaluate tree health and management issues in towns and communities; provide technical advice to local communities, tree boards, private landowners/homeowners, conservation districts, other agencies and organizations; assist with special urban forestry field projects; participate in meetings, and workshops concerning urban forestry; assist with the community enhancement grants; assist communities to conduct urban tree inventories; coordinate and conduct tree care workshops; respond to sick tree calls; tree insect and disease management; and assist communities with establishing and/or maintaining a community forestry program. The incumbent will also assist with Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) suppression efforts in the Black Hills during the marking season.

The incumbent hired for this position will be required to become an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist. ISA certification is not a requirement of hiring but will need to be obtained after being hired.

Travel is required one or two days per week with some overnight stays and occasional extended travel for one week or more.

The Ideal Candidate Will Have: A bachelor’s degree in forestry, urban forestry, or equivalent skills and experience necessary to meet the needs outlined in the introductory statement is preferred.

Knowledge of:

• urban and community forestry programs, project design and management, and horticulture and tree care;
• Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Skill to:

• use a clinometer, increment borer, Biltmore stick, measuring wheel, compass, hypsometer, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) units to collect and the skill to interpret these data.

Ability to:

• work independently with minimal supervision;
• establish and maintain working relationships with co-workers and the public; keep records; prepare reports; diagnosis tree health problems and determine the appropriate action to address tree planting and tree care needs.

Additional Requirements: To be considered, attach your responses to the questions below. Your responses must be clear, concise, and numbered.

1. Please describe your experience in training and educating people concerning forestry issues. Describe your audience and level of responsibility.
2. Describe any experience and training you have in evaluating tree management issues within towns and communities.
3. This position requires assisting communities with grant applications and grant management. Please summarize
your experience in grant preparation and management.

4. Describe your experience working with city governments and community tree boards.

5. Describe your experience in diagnosing urban tree health problems and determining an appropriate course of action.

6. This position will be part of team that works together to promote urban forestry on a statewide basis. Please provide your thoughts on what being a good team member means to you.

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