The USDA Forest Service, R5-Pacific Southwest Region, is planning to fill GS-0401-12/13, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, State & Private Forestry Staff (permanent position), with a duty location at the Regional Office, located in Vallejo, California.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

This position serves as the Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager located in State & Private Forestry and is responsible for managing the Region’s Urban and Community Forestry Program by planning and implementing all phases of the program, including policy development, budget development and management, strategic planning and interpretation of laws, rules and regulations. The position serves as the liaison with regional state program managers, including processing grants and agreements and pass-through funds and as a recognized authority in forest management practices and policies as they relate to community development needs.

Duties include:

• Initiating, developing and managing urban forestry policy and suitable forms of technical or educational assistance available to state and private organizations.
• Developing policy and work procedures, maintaining fiscal and programmatic integrity through on-going evaluation, monitoring accomplishment reporting and performance measures.
• Providing significant and innovative recommendations for the Urban and Community Forest Program and other natural resource programs.
• Developing, managing and implementing the objectives and goals of all federal pass-through grant programs, cooperative agreements with other entities and public/private funding partnerships.
• Analyzes complex technical grant applications, grant procedures and guidelines, and partnerships proposals to fund major program elements.
• Resolves novel, obscure, or highly controversial problems that affect Urban and Community Forestry Programs.

Attached is a voluntary outreach reply form. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know by returning the attached outreach reply form by November 22, 2013.

The outreach form does not constitute an application and only candidates who complete an application when the vacancy announcement is posted on the USAJobs website: https://www.usajobs.gov/ will be considered.

For further information on this position, please contact:

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**Duty Location:** The duty location for this position will be at the Regional Office located in Vallejo, California.

**Community Information:**

- The Pacific Southwest Region of the USDA Forest Service manages National Forest lands in California and assists the State and Private forest landowners in California, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. The Pacific Southwest Region is commonly referred to as Region 5 (R5). The R5, Pacific Southwest Region is comprised of 18 National Forests with a combined size of over 20 million acres, or approximately one-fifth of California's land base. Information about the R5, Pacific Southwest Region can be found at website: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/)

- The Regional Office is located on Mare Island in Vallejo, California. Vallejo is located at the north end of San Francisco Bay, 30 miles northeast of San Francisco, 60 miles west of Sacramento and approximately 20 miles from the Napa Valley. Mare Island lies within the area qualifying for Bay Area locality pay which is currently 35.15% above base pay. For those considering retirement in a few years, locality pay is included in the base considered for the High-3 in retirement calculations.

- Housing: The median price for a single family home is approximately $300,000 - $650,000 (may be lower, based on the market). Rentals range from $800 - $3000 per month. For additional information on housing check the following website: [http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/GovSite](http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/GovSite) and [http://www.visitvallejo.com](http://www.visitvallejo.com)

- Schools: Public schools kindergartens through grade 12 are provided through the Vallejo City Unified School District. There are public and private schools, day care, preschool and after school care facilities located in the surrounding areas of Mare Island. Secondary and Post-secondary schools include: Touro University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Health and Science, located on Mare Island and Solano County Community College, which offers two-year vocational programs. In addition, the Bay Area is home to many world-renowned schools including the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University in Palo Alto with other educational opportunities existing through colleges and universities within a short distance of Vallejo.

- Transportation: Vallejo is served by State Highways 29 and 37 and Interstate highways 80 and 780. The Vallejo Baylink Ferry operates daily between Vallejo and San Francisco, a one-way trip takes about 50 minutes. Greyhound, Continental Trailways and Baylink provides bus service to regional points from Vallejo. Nearby airports include Oakland International (30 miles southwest) and San Francisco International (40 miles southeast) also Sacramento International is (60 miles north) of Vallejo.

- Cultural and Recreation Opportunities: Vallejo's waterfront and municipal marina provide a spectacular backdrop for sailing, fishing, wind surfing, jet skiing and more. There are many golf courses in the area. Vallejo is located near the Pacific Ocean. It is two hours from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and less than an hour from the Napa Valley wine country. San Francisco and the greater Bay Area are home to several professional football, baseball, hockey and soccer teams. The Bay Area is famous for its many excellent restaurants and nightclubs, its world-class ballet, symphony, opera, theaters and museums of many types and are available throughout the Bay Area.
OUTREACH REPLY FORM
Please respond by November 22, 2013
GS-0401-12/13, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager
Vallejo, California 94592

RETURN REPLY FORM TO:

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AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____USFS _____BLM _____OTHER
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____PERMANENT _____TEMPORARY _____TERM
_____ VRA _____PWD _____OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT:____________________________________
CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE: ______________________________
CURRENT POSITION TITLE:_______________________________________________
WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH?_________________________

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:
_____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
_____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
_____VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
_____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
_____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
_____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
_____ OTHER ______________________________

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Submission of this form is voluntary, but is encouraged.
Thank you for your interest!