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Position Information

Posting Number: 3040

Internal Posting Date: 02-11-2009

Internal Closing date: 02-17-2009

External Closing Date: 02-24-2009

Classification Title: RESEARCH ASSISTANT I

Department: 59425-GREAT LAKES BIOENERGY RSCH CTR-VPRGS

Position Employee Group: Off Campus

Pay Grade Level: 11

Pay Minimum: Salary Negotiable

Percent Employee: 100

Full-Time/Part-Time: Full-Time

Minimum Requirements: A bachelor's degree in agronomy, ecology, biology, forestry, or a related area of natural resource science; one year of related and progressively more responsible or expansive work experience in performing research techniques in the area of agriculture, including knowledge of crops and farm equipment; basic computer knowledge; or an equivalent combination of education and experience; possession of a valid vehicle operator's license; attainment of a pesticide applicator's license upon completion of applicable trial or probationary period.

Minimum Typing Requirements (wpm) (if applicable):

Desired Qualifications: M.S. degree in agronomy or two to three years of experience in crop and soil science or related agricultural field.

Job Summary: Responsible for managing field experiments and plots associated with the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (GLBRC) and Long-term Ecological Research (LTER) site; establishes and lays out field research plots; maintains detailed field records; operates farm equipment deemed necessary to perform job duties, including but not limited to: tillage, planting, weed control, harvest, and daily plot/site maintenance; assists in maintaining and repairing farm equipment and trucks; collects field data; summarizes data into annual reports; lab work includes sampling

of soil, water, trace gas fluxes, and plant material; involves labeling, sieving soil, grinding soil and plant material, and preparation of samples for analysis. This is an off-campus position located at the Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) in Hickory Corners, MI.

Summary of Health Risks and Physical Demands (if applicable):

Duties associated with this position involve working outdoors in hot, cold, and wet/dry conditions, working with chemicals, working in dusty and noisy conditions, and lifting and carrying up to 65 pounds.

Project Tech/Flexible Appointment/Off-Date Information (if applicable):

This is an off-date position funded through February 28, 2010 with possible extension contingent upon funding renewal.

Work Hours:

Standard 8-5

Varied Work Hours (if applicable):

Work hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and variable to include additional hours during peak periods when necessary.

Special Instructions to Applicants (if applicable):

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