

Bat Biologist—Cheyenne, WY—JG

Location: **Cheyenne, WY (but may consider other locations where WEST has offices)**

Job # **3664772**

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Description:

The successful candidate will function as part of WEST's Bat Team and help design, conduct, and summarize results of bat-related surveys for a variety of projects ranging from wind power studies to pipeline and transmission lines, and other development projects. Species inventory projects on nondevelopment projects are also available.

Applicants can expect to spend approximately 40% of their time in the field conducting and/or leading surveys, with the remainder of time spent on office-oriented tasks, including but not limited to: writing, reviewing and editing reports, meeting with project managers and/or clients, database management and queries, acoustic data analysis, and other tasks as needed. Most seasonal bat field work will occur in the midwest and eastern U.S., but is not limited to those areas; field work in the southeast, southwest and northwest should also be expected.

Requirements:

Preference given to candidates that hold a federal endangered species permit allowing capture and handling of Indiana bats, or sufficient experience to be added to such a permit. Candidates must be skilled in the use of mist-nets, topographic maps, aerial photos, GPS units, and other field equipment as required. Precise and thorough data collection and attention to detail is essential. Radio-tracking experience is preferable. Experience with operation and deployment of acoustic detectors and with acoustic species identification is desirable. The successful candidate may conduct roost telemetry, foraging telemetry, and emergence counts. This work may require a person to navigate varying and rugged terrain safely and potentially alone in harsh weather conditions. The successful candidate must be physically capable of performing these tasks and generally be willing and able to tackle the rigors of field work while maintaining a positive attitude.

The successful candidate will be able to work well independently or as part of a team, possess superior technical skills, illustrate exemplary communication skills, and generally demonstrate the ability to do high-quality work in a fast-paced consulting environment

M.S. or Ph.D. degree with appropriate thesis topic is preferred. Candidates with a B.S. in an appropriate discipline and 4 or more years of relevant experience will be considered.

Applicants must be in good physical shape, as surveys will be conducted in locations where temperatures and conditions can be extreme. Skilled use of topographic maps, compass, GPS unit, and other field equipment, is required. Job requires the person filling this position to be able to appear for work on time, sit or walk for long periods of time; follow instructions from managers; interact effectively with coworkers and clients; maintain a positive attitude; and to accept guidance and constructive criticism.

Valid driver's license is required upon submission of resume. Investigation into driving record will be conducted upon hire. Driving record must meet standards set to operate motor vehicle on behalf of WEST, Inc. Background check will be conducted on final candidates. Contract will require drug testing and candidates must be able to pass drug screening criteria.

This is a general description of the functions for this position and is not all-inclusive of the duties which may be associated with this position. WEST, Inc. reserves the right to change, modify this job description, job requirements, and job duties at any time.

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Applications which do not include the following three elements may not be considered

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1. Cover letter stating why you are the best candidate for this position
2. Resume which includes dates of employment and the address and phone number for each employer.
3. Three references with phone numbers and email addresses