

ERM is currently seeking qualified applicants to fill several fixed-term **Bat Technician** positions. Minimum qualifications include field experience conducting presence/probable absence surveys for bats and other wildlife species, including experience with radio-telemetry, data recording, and equipment maintenance, and have current pre-exposure rabies vaccinations. Preferred applicants will possess prior experience conducting or assisting with bat surveys, including the tasks described below.

This position is a revolving/on-going position that is filled on an as-needed basis for specific projects. Given the volume of applications received, we are unable to respond to all applicants, however, a recruiter will contact you if your experience is a suitable match with one of our upcoming projects. Thank you for your patience.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist Bat Biologists with conducting a variety of field studies on threatened/endangered bat species.
- Conduct habitat surveys and assessments, collect acoustic data, and mist net surveys.
- Provide radio-tracking of bats and roost emergence counts.
- Mine portal/cave surveys; hibernaculum censuses; and potential roost tree surveys.
- Maintain, organize and disinfect equipment.
- Prepare reports.

This position will require long-term deployments and long-distance travel in the field, as well as long hours each day during bat season, including late night/early morning hours to conduct the requisite night survey work. Individuals will be required to work in extreme field conditions such as rugged terrain and inclement weather.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Undergraduate or degree in a wildlife related field (B.S. preferred).
- 1-2 years of biological field survey experience.
- Valid driver's license.
- Demonstrated experience with radio-telemetry equipment.
- Willingness to work long hours in the field, up to 6 days per week, in challenging field conditions, travel to remote locations, and work independently.
- Commitment for the entire field season (through August 15).
- Positive and effective communication with Bat Biologists and project or task managers.
- Effective technical writing and oral communication skills.
- Problem solving and decision making skills.
- Detail-oriented, responsible, well organized, professional, and self-motivated.
- Must meet criteria identified in Job Demands & Conditions Analysis for Office and Field Positions.
- Must be able to pass a pre-hire background check and drug screen.

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Experience conducting bat surveys, including assessing potential habitat, setting up acoustic detectors, setting up and monitoring mist nets.
- Prior consulting experience.
- Inoculated for pre-exposure rabies, with recent titer check (within 2 years).
- Familiar with Indiana bat, gray bat, Virginia big-eared bat, and northern long-eared bat ecology and habitat.
- Skills related to other wildlife and botanical survey types.