The University of Montana-Missoula’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) has a unique opportunity for two Research Foresters in the Forest Industry Research Program!

Come, be an integral part of a growing research program, whose purpose is to serve the general public, as well as people in business, labor, and government, by providing an understanding of the forest products industry in Montana and other western states.

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Be the ‘lead analyst’ on state-by-state studies of the U.S. forest products industry, coordinating others’ efforts related to the project
- Demonstrate time management skills, a high level of personal initiative, and the ability to coordinate activities with other BBER employees to accomplish major functions
- Skillfully navigate tasks that range from responding to short turn-around information requests from internal and external users to more complex, two- or three-year data collection, analysis, and reporting projects for external grantors.

BBER research foresters are responsible for:

- Conducting state-level censuses of the forest products industry, including: developing facility lists, contacting facilities and administering questionnaires, entering and checking mill-level data, assembling and checking summary data tables, and co-authoring reports and presentations. Expected results include summary tables and publishable, peer-reviewed reports within specified time-frames.
- Conducting state-level logging utilization studies, including: arranging site visits and travel logistics, collecting and analyzing data from field measurements, and report writing. Expected results include co-authoring publishable, peer-reviewed reports within specified time-frames.
- Conducting quarterly surveys of Montana timber processors for information on log prices, employment, and production posting. Expected results include posting information on the Bureau web site within specified time-frames and co-authoring quarterly press releases.
- Performing other assigned duties, including but not limited to: GIS analysis and map-making, presenting research methods and findings, responding to information requests, and assisting with other research projects.
Research foresters are required to have:

- A Bachelor’s degree in forestry, wood products, or other closely-related field (Master’s degree preferred);
- Considerable knowledge of forest mensuration, timber harvesting, and wood products manufacturing;
- Proven technical writing and research skills;
- The ability to accurately record and manage confidential information;
- Proficiency with MS Excel and Word and familiarity with data bases;
- The ability to clearly communicate with mills and loggers, state and federal agency personnel, and other Bureau staff;
- A valid driver’s license, the ability to travel for extended periods (10-14 days), and the ability to safely work on rough and uneven terrain;

This is a fully grant-funded one-year contract, with possibility of renewal based on funding and work performance.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume/cv, contact information for three (3) professional references, and a one-page professional writing sample. Initial review of applications will begin on June 28, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled.

Please submit all materials in electronic or hard copy format to:

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In accordance with university policy, finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background check. This announcement can be made available in different formats when requested.