PROGRAM AGRONOMIST

Chippewa County is accepting applications for a Program Agronomist position within the Land Conservation & Forest Management Department. The job duties of the Program Agronomist include but are not limited to providing agronomic and administrative services to:

a) landowners or producers who are subject to compliance with county ordinances or state administrative rules regulating agricultural runoff or non-metallic mine reclamation; and
b) landowners or producers who voluntarily participate in county, state or federal programs to conserve soil and water resources.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Agronomy, Soil Science, or plant-based Biology or Botany required. One (1) year minimum professional experience in production agriculture involving field based agronomic consulting, nutrient and pest management, and on-farm planning required. Professional certification (Associate or Certified Professional Agronomist, State Certified Crop Advisor, or comparable professional certification), or capacity to attain certification within one (1) year required. Working knowledge of soil fertility, cropping systems, weed and pest control required. Working knowledge of conservation tillage, residue management, nutrient management, cover cropping, and current conservation farming practices required. Proficiency in proper techniques for sampling soil, plants and water, and interpreting and conveying test results required. Working knowledge of agricultural markets and farm economics required. A valid driver’s license required. Visit www.co.chippewa.wi.us to view the full position description and other job requirements.

Starting Wage: $25.50 - $27.54 per hour depending on qualifications plus an excellent fringe benefit package. Maximum Wage: $34.43 per hour.

Benefits: Health insurance options offered through Security Health Plan include a high deductible plan option ($2,000 for an individual and $4,000 for a family) with $0 premiums! We also offer a low deductible plan ($500 for an individual and $1,500 for a family) with monthly premiums ranging from $70 per month for an individual and $178 for a family. Wisconsin Retirement System pension! Dental, vision, life insurance, flexible spending, accident insurance and disability insurance offered. Generous PTO program of 7.09 hours of PTO earned per pay period (26 pay periods in a year). For more information on Chippewa County’s benefits visit our website at https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/administration/human-resources-division/employee-benefits.

Applications will only be accepted through the online application process at www.co.chippewa.wi.us under Career Opportunities. Applications must be submitted electronically by Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Application materials received after that date and time will not be considered. EOE.