Biological Contract Opportunity

Rainwater Basin WMD

Job Title:	Field Technician	**Job Category:**	Data collection
Department/Group:	Biological	**Job Code/ Req#:**	Job 5 Lead Shot
Location:	South Central Nebraska	**Travel Required:**	Yes, to sample locations daily
Level/Salary Range:	Accepting Bids	**Position Type:**	Contract
Signed Contract:	2-3 page agreement if selected	**Date posted:**	4/24/2015
Will Train Applicant(s):	Limited training will be provided	**Posting Expires:**	5:00 PM, 5/9/2015
Required Application	This form and a brief resume outlining work experience specific to this contract.		
Application Format:	Email applications preferred, if you need a copy of this announcement contact Jeff		

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Subject Line: Lead Shot Field Technician

Attention: Job 5 Lead Shot

Applications can be faxed, emailed or mailed, but must be received by 5:00 PM 9 May 2015.

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Job Description

Contractor Responsibilities

Duties include traveling to Waterfowl Production Areas scattered across south-central Nebraska to collect soil samples from wetlands during June, July, and August.

- The contractor will be responsible for collecting 2,350 samples during the summer work season (approximately 75 days). Each wetland has 50 m^2 sample plots that will be located using a GPS (that can be provided). At each plot, soil will be removed from the entire square meter plot to a depth of 7 cm. Field sieving will be done to remove the organic matter. Then the sample will placed into a legibly labeled bag. Samples will be stored in a dry area transferred to the lab as needed.
- The contractor will be responsible for maintaining a safe work environment including travel time to and from the work sites. The contractor will be responsible for following established protocol and maintain an efficient work environment. The contractor will need to provide personal field equipment (hats, boots, raingear, etc.) and a vehicle capable of traveling on highways and gravel roads. A government vehicle may be provided if the contractor can complete the training required to operate a government vehicle.

Qualifications and Requirements

Some biological or farm experience is preferred. The following abilities are required: ability to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions; lifting and/or carrying items up to 50 pounds is required; ability to walk in undulating topography with varying wet and dry conditions, and through various types of vegetation; and maintaining a clean, efficient, and organized work environment that prevents any loss of contents or contamination.

Preferred Skills

Ability to follow specific directions and maintain scientific integrity while collecting and cataloging samples, and effectively communicate verbally. Examples of performing consistent and accurate work will be given special consideration. The ability to use GPS devices and locate sample locations and trouble shoot general problems with GPS accuracy and function. Attention to detail and the ability to follow directions are required. The contractor will be expected to work with little or no supervision, determine and coordinate weekly work schedules, track progress and provide bi-weekly progress reports.

Bidder Name:		Contract Bid	$
Bidder Phone #		Approx. Start Date	mm/dd/YEAR
Bidder E-mail		Delivery Date	mm/dd/YEAR