

Sustainability Specialist Job Posting

Location: Canada

Start Date: Immediate

Experience: minimum 4-5 years in the environmental sector

Closing Date: March 11, 2022

Company Overview:

Viresco Solutions Inc. is an environmental consulting firm that helps our clients strategically navigate the complex and evolving world of sustainability. We are leading experts in developing science-based metrics and solutions that enhance our clients' social license to operate. We focus our work at the intersection of agriculture, waste, bioenergy, greenhouse gases and sustainable supply chains. We are passionate about what we do and are committed in making transformational change happen by pushing the boundaries of the status quo. Our Vision is to help mainstream sustainability for the companies we work with.

Job Overview:

Viresco Solutions is currently recruiting for a Senior Sustainability Specialist. The successful candidate would join a motivated, experienced and entrepreneurial team of professionals working at the forefront of agricultural emission reductions and sustainability. This is a full-time, salaried position located in Canada (head office in Edmonton, but can work remotely), reporting to the President.

Ideal Candidate:

The ideal candidate will be a self-starter, able to direct their own learning and business development. They will demonstrate an interdisciplinary approach to research; competency in understanding complex interactions between policy, science and economics; and ability to synthesise and clearly communicate complex concepts and principles tailored to the client's level of understanding. Strong written and presentation skills are essential, as well as good technical skills in the use of MS Excel. Integrity, responsibility and a desire to make a real impact is at the core of our business and will be important personal traits for any candidate.

Experience or knowledge of the following will be considered an asset:

- Greenhouse gas quantification (including ISO 14064);
- Evaluation of ecosystem goods and services;
- Agricultural production and supply chains;
- Environmental or carbon markets
- Project management
- Stakeholder engagement/workshops

Job Responsibilities:

1. Project Management

- Manage public- and private- sector consulting contracts related to Viresco Solutions Inc. business.
- Coordinate scientific workshops and meetings.
- Ensure projects are delivered on time and budget, with high quality deliverables.
- Develop project management documentation that are consistent with project objectives and in alignment with standard operating procedures.
- Liaise with clients as required.

2. Technical Analysis

- Prepare GHG emission reduction quantifications and supporting documentation.
- Develop analytical tools to quantify environmental metrics.
- Complete comparisons or validations of calculation methodologies.
- Investigate environmental market opportunities for clients across a range of environmental assets (carbon, water, bioenergy).
- Research the latest policies, initiatives, tools and developments related to environmental markets and corporate social and environmental responsibility.
- Assist in the development of sustainability strategies by facilitating meetings, providing research support and documentation as required.

3. Communication/Writing

- Prepare high quality project documents including project reports, briefing notes, presentations, meeting minutes, infographics, and excel spreadsheets.
- Communicate project outcomes and results to non-technical audiences.
- Present project findings/results at relevant workshops, conferences and meetings.
- Engage in productive and professional conversations with project clients.

4. Business Development

- Develop and write project proposals, grant applications and project work plans.
- Follow up on client conversations about future project work.
- Keep up to date on the latest trends in environmental markets, policies, standards and metrics especially in the agri-food sector.
- Attend and/or speak at conferences, meetings, workshops and other networking events.

Qualifications:

- B.Sc. or M.Sc. or M.A. degree from an accredited institution in the fields of Biology, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Agricultural Sciences, Ecology, Forestry, Sustainability, or related disciplines.
- A strong interest and understanding of sustainability, particularly in the fields of agriculture, bioenergy, and/or nature-based solutions.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, including presentation skills, and the ability to present complex information to technical and non-technical audiences.
- Knowledge of climate change policy and science.
- Quantitative analysis skills, including an understanding of basic statistics and ability to develop quantification tools in Excel.
- An ability to independently manage multiple projects and deadlines.
- The flexibility to work independently or as part of a team, and work in a supporting role or in a project manager role.
- Proficiency with MS Office Suite.
- Experience in developing project materials, including proposals, project plans, client communications, PowerPoint presentations, and technical reports.
- Registered professional designations (P.Ag., P.Biol., E.P.) would be an asset.
- Experience in Greenhouse Gas quantification or accounting, or training therein would be a strong asset.
- At least two years work experience in the environmental sector.

Other:

- Must be legally eligible to work in Canada.
- Please note, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, interviews will be conducted by videoconference.
- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a written and presentation task as part of the interview process.
- The successful candidate will be required to provide three references and proof of education or credentials. They may also be asked to participate in a short competency test or exercise.

If you are interested in the above opportunity, please submit your resume and cover letter to Teri McNaught at teri@virescosolutions.com by March 11, 2022.