



Government Services

Perot Systems Government Services (PSGS), a contractor to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center (Center), seeks a unique individual to serve as a coastal management specialist at NOAA's offices in Silver Spring, MD. The successful applicant will support the Coastal Storms Program (CSP), a cross-NOAA effort to lessen the impacts to coastal communities from storms. To accomplish this goal, local, state, and federal organizations are working together to develop a large suite of new and improved tools, data, information, forecast models, and training for coastal communities. Other hazards related issues the Center is involved in include the impacts of climate change on coastal resources and the role of coastal observations in helping coastal states and communities address the impacts of hazards. In addition, the Center is the lead for the Hazard Resilient Coastal Communities Priority Area Task Team (HRCC PATT), a cross NOAA team aimed at improving coordination of regional activities to improve community resilience. Under the federal Ocean Research Priorities Plan, NOAA is also co-leading an effort to implement data, research and modeling activities to improve understanding and management of the impacts of storms on coastal watersheds, including natural resources and the built environment.

Associate's Responsibilities:

- Supporting projects in the CSP pilot regions (Florida, Pacific Northwest, Southern California and the Gulf of Mexico),
- Participating in the planning of outreach activities (e.g., workshops with local partners)
- Supporting the overall management of CSP as a cross NOAA program.

Duties may also include support for implementation of the HRCC PATT and the Ocean Research Priority Plan activities, including planning regionally based meetings and developing implementation and strategy plans, and preparing budget documents.

Qualifications

Applicants should have a Masters degree in coastal management, natural resource management, land use planning, or a similar field and at least two years of professional experience in one of these areas. The position requires independent work and initiative. The successful candidate must demonstrate strong communication and organizational skills, as well as excellent interpersonal skills. The candidate should be detail-oriented, demonstrate an ability to build relationships with Center management, colleagues, and external partners, and be able to coordinate projects and efforts.

Knowledge of coastal management related programs within the Center and NOAA as described above is preferred, or a demonstrated ability to get up to speed quickly in a new area. Familiarity

with coastal resource management issues including those related to hazards and climate change is a plus.

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