



Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance Job Description

Position Title: Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison II

The Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance is hiring for a full-time Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison. The Liaison will connect climate change resources, tools, and information to tribal resource managers and partners to support resiliency-building efforts across the North Central region (MT, WY, CO, ND, SD, NE, KS).

The Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance is the original founding coalition for preserving the prior paramount, reserved water rights of the Missouri River under aboriginal title, the 1851 Fort Laramie Treaty and the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, and other judicially established territories in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

The Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance is a public outreach, research, and education organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of Great Sioux Nation Indian Winter's Rights to the use of water in the Missouri River, tributaries and all aquifers and groundwater sources located within the exterior boundaries of the Great Plains Region. As its sacred obligation, the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance will provide technical and policy recommendations for the protection of all water resources for the next 7 generations.

This full-time position is an employee of the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance and will work in coordination with the North Central Adaptation Climate Science Center (NC CASC) to serve as a resource for tribal nations, tribal colleges, and partners throughout the North Central region. This employee will work with the existing Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison to provide climate adaptation training to tribal nations, develop partnerships to advance tribal resilience to climate impacts, and serve as an informational hub between tribal nations, federal agencies, researchers, and other tribal and non-tribal partners. The duty station for this position is flexible throughout the region but co-location space can be provided on campus in Boulder, Colorado, at the NC CASC office.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assists in the translation and communication of climate information to tribal leaders and resource managers;
- Develops and maintains relationships with regional tribal resource managers, tribal leaders, and other tribal partners to enable project partnerships and research efforts;
- Serves on panels, engages in strategy sessions, workshops, and partner meetings;
- Prepares and reviews reports, proposals, correspondence, and other documents for regional climate adaptation efforts;
- Coordinates and organizes the planning, logistics, accounting, and programmatic activities for tribal related trainings, workshops, conferences, etc.;
- Attends and presents at tribal meetings, as appropriate;
- Prepares reports and tracks NC CASC tribal related activities and corresponding metrics;
- Provides climate adaptation planning support to tribal departments and community climate resilience partners;
- Maintains and tracks ongoing contact with tribal resource managers and tribal personnel involved in climate planning and risk management;
- Participates in a network of tribal climate resilience liaisons working across the CASC network;
- Conducts CASC-related research as time permits; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Master's degree preferred, or bachelor's degree with at least three years of experience, in an area of science relevant to climate change and tribal issues, including the social sciences and public health;
- Knowledge and experience in 1) environmental sustainability, 2) tribal resource management, and 3) exposure of Indigenous peoples to the impacts of climate change, adaptation, and interpretation of locally relevant information;
- Understanding of tribal governments and communities, values, needs, Indigenous knowledges, and knowledge of tribal treaty rights and federal trust relations;
- Knowledge of climate change impacts in the North Central region;
- Ability to assist in the development and evaluation of new projects and initiatives

- Strong oral and written communication skills and the ability to articulate technical issues, products, and concepts to non-scientists;
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as a collaborative team member;
- Demonstrated ability to organize, prioritize, document, and manage multiple projects.
- Preference will be given to federally recognized tribal members.

This position reports to: the GPTWA Board of Directors

Duty location: Flexible within the North Central region. Priority is given to Rapid City, SD, Boulder, CO, and Missoula, MT.

Salary: Starting at \$50,000-70,000 year (location dependent and commensurate with experience)

Benefits: GPTWA offers matching retirement, health care, paid vacation time off (10 work days per year), and sick leave.

Application materials: Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé, unofficial transcripts (undergraduate, graduate, etc.); and one example of writing (publications, reports, etc.).

Application instructions: Initial review of applications will begin on **October 10, 2023** and the position will be open until filled. All necessary materials must be e-mailed to kynser.wahwabsuck@colorado.edu and reiniqueb@gmail.com. **Subject line should include:** 'Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Applicant'

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