Opportunity: Land Use Specialist

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Company Intro

Since 1993, Forcorp Solutions Inc. (FORCORP) has provided high-quality and innovative services to industry, government and academic organizations in the areas of natural resource planning, land use management and information technology/data management. Our success is reliant on developing an in-depth understanding of our clients’ needs, and delivering solutions and services that improve their business. We employ professionals who embrace this attitude and are committed to providing value to our clients.

Opportunity

As part of FORCORP’s strategic plan, we have invested heavily in developing web-based applications and internal processes to support and grow the scope of the land use services we provide. In support of existing and future services, we are seeking uniquely qualified individuals for the full-time and permanent position of Land Use Specialist. Working with and reporting to the Manager, Land Use Agreements, this office-based (Edmonton) position will primarily focus on analyzing our clients’ planned forest harvest areas and working with our land management system (eLands) to identify, request and track land use agreements (e.g. road use, pipeline/powerline crossings, encroachment, ground disturbance, etc.) associated with the clients’ planned harvest areas. Throughout this process the Land Use Specialist will be required to regularly communicate with our clients to confirm information regarding the planned activities as well as the companies that we are requesting the agreements from. Considering that the Land Use Agreement management services correspond to the seasonality of our clients’ forestry operations the workload can be subject to periods of high volume of activity and potentially unexpected but high priority situations, as well as reduced levels of activity. During periods of a decreased workload there may be opportunities to work on other projects within the company.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Assemble a schedule and track the status of planned client activities that require land use agreements.
- Assess information sources, such as harvest plan maps and spatial data, to analyze and confirm expected land use agreements.
- Identify harvest blocks, enter access/haul routes, review requirements for requesting agreements, and assemble the request packages to the disposition (i.e. road, pipeline, powerline) owners.
- Receive and respond to inquiries from the disposition owner, or from our client, regarding the status of the request.
- Identify opportunities for improvements to our internal processes and systems, and work with our software developers to conceptualize and implement solutions.
- Undertake other tasks related to FORCORP’s land use and other services as required or as time permits.

Requirements – Personal/Behavioral Traits

- Exceptionally detail-oriented, thoroughly committed to producing work of the highest quality, and able to undertake appropriate quality assurance steps before signing off as complete.
- Strong organization and time management skills, with an ability to prioritize, schedule, and focus on the task at hand.
• Strong initiative, ability to work independently and become proficient with new tasks, and eager to take on new challenges.

• Ability to identify opportunities for improvement within the company’s processes, systems, and approaches, and subsequently, propose meaningful and thoughtful solutions.

• Willing to proactively investigate items that possess a degree of uncertainty, and able to persevere to complete tasks in situations with workload and timeline pressures.

• Ability to clearly and professionally communicate internally (co-workers) and externally (clients and third parties) in both conversation and writing.

• An interest in expanding your understanding of natural resource planning, land use in Alberta and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Qualifications – Education and Experience

• An undergraduate degree or technical diploma in forestry, environmental science, geography or related field is desirable.

• 1+ years working experience in natural resource (forestry, energy, etc.) operations/planning and/or land use management/administration is desirable.

• Working experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and associated files is desirable.

• Knowledge of legislative and regulatory requirements as they relate to the administration of surface land rights in Alberta is desirable.

Other Information

We conduct our business in a professional and comfortable office environment, and in a culture that promotes creative thinking and teamwork. We offer competitive salaries, benefits, a health spending allowance, an RRSP matching program, monthly staff events, and opportunities for challenges and growth. Additional information can be found on our website: www.forcorp.com.

To ensure the health and safety of our employees and their families, our communities, and our clients, proof of vaccination for COVID-19 is a condition of employment.

Applying

Interested individuals who meet the above-defined requirements and qualifications, are encouraged to submit their resume, accompanied by a cover letter. Within your cover letter, please state: 1) how you found out about this opportunity; 2) your salary expectations; and 3) your available start date. Please send applications in MS Word or PDF format to bobbi.biglow@forcorp.com. All applications will be treated with confidence. This opportunity will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Those applicants selected for further follow up will be contacted for a brief phone discussion, after which formal interviews will be arranged.

Only Canadian citizens, permanent residents or individuals with valid work permits will be considered for this opportunity.