

Position: Planner, Lands
Division: Electricity (Projects & Construction)
Location: Edmonton, AB

Position Summary:

Always there. Anywhere. That's us! We are committed to delivering inspired solutions for a better world. We care about our communities, we care about each other, and we care about showing up for those who need us. We never break a promise and we have the courage to do the right thing, even when it's hard. We take pride in holding ourselves to the highest standard of integrity and excellence in all that we do.

Reporting to a Supervisor in the Lands department, this position is responsible for providing land and environmental planning expertise related to the route planning and obtaining regulatory approvals for transmission and distribution electrical infrastructure and generation facilities. The Planner, Lands will compile and analyze relevant information for routing & siting; consult internal and external stakeholders potentially affected by projects; resolve issues of conflicting interests; submit applications and obtain approvals from regulatory bodies such as Alberta Environment and Parks and the Alberta Utilities Commission. The Planner is responsible for implementing environmental policies and initiatives of Alberta and ATCO to the projects.

This position includes assisting other groups and departments in transmission and distribution routing and siting, decommissioning, line mitigation and capital maintenance projects.

We're looking for someone who cares about their work and strives for more each day. Someone who challenges the status quo, embraces change, and thrives in a collaborative work environment. If you are someone who approaches work with passion, curiosity and the courage to innovate, then this role is for you.

What You Get to Do:

- Identify planning and environmental risks to the scope, develop schedules and cost estimates for assigned projects.
- Complete desktop and field level assessments of sensitive features which need to be considered in project planning.
- Analyze data, including spatial data, to identify land-use and environmental constraints for preliminary facility locations based on economic, technical, social and environmental criteria.
- Prepare and submit applications for permits and approvals required for assigned projects.
- Manage consultants and contractors to ensure planning and environmental studies, and associated reporting is completed on time and within budget, overall to meet regulatory requirements and company policies.
- Participate, as required, in activities such as contractor orientation, training, audits, incident reporting, and liaison with regulatory agencies.
- Undertake field support, as required.
- Undertake and use technical and regulatory assessments for assigned projects in the project planning and permitting stage, including obtaining required regulatory approvals.
- Keep abreast of regulatory developments, trends and changes, and provide information to ATCO Electric.
- Implement legislation changes that affect our industry and processes on assigned projects.
- Stay current in government and industry standards, and changes to ensure corporate compliance.
- Prepare and distribute project notification material and communicate (meetings and correspondence) with stakeholders such as, private landholders, government agencies, industrial companies, indigenous communities, interest groups and the public.
- Undertake consultations, to company and AUC expectations, with external stakeholders for assigned projects.
- Resolve concerns raised by external stakeholders by proposing mitigations with support of ATCO internal departments: commercial, planning, land, engineering, construction, maintenance and operations personnel.

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Qualifications:

- Minimum University Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Biology, Soil Sciences or other related field (i.e. Forestry, Agriculture, Planning, etc.).
- Currently hold or be eligible to obtain an associated professional designation within one year.
- Minimum 5-10 years of experience completing project planning, environmental surveys, evaluation, permitting or similar activities.
- Previous experience in routing and siting would be an asset.
- The ability to review and understand project work scope, execution strategies, construction activities and environmental impacts associated with electrical infrastructure development.
- Proven knowledge of planning, land-use and environmental principles, normally acquired through a degree in planning or in an environmental field.
- Knowledge of and experience with relevant legislation at Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels.
- Have a valid Class 5 Operator's License (Drivers License) issued by the Alberta Government.
- Highly effective communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills with the ability to establish excellent working relationships.
- Excellent decision-making, time management, organizational and planning skills.
- Proficient in MS Office Suite - Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Microsoft Project.
- Skills in map and air photo interpretation, and some specialized systems such as GIS software. Use these tools for data analysis and report purposes.
- Must have working knowledge of external data sources, such as Landscape Analysis Tool, FWMIS, SPIN II, AbaData and Crown Land Dispositions Report (GLIMPS).

What We Offer:

- A culture based on caring, integrity, agility, collaboration, and striving for excellence.
- Competitive compensation.
- Flex benefits.
- Tuition assistance program.
- Training and mentorship programs.
- Charitable donation matching.

We would like to thank everyone for their application; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.

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Application Deadline: September 3, 2021