Position Announcement

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic preservation is presently accepting applications in its Field Services Bureau for the position of Scientist (Archaeology).

The Bureau’s Archaeology Unit is responsible for reviewing and providing comments on the effects of federal or state undertakings on archaeological resources in accordance with federal and New York state regulations. This includes the review of all phases of archaeological research reports, research methodology, avoidance methods, and data recovery plans. Applicant must have a thorough understanding of the application of the National Register of Historic Places criteria for evaluation.

Duties

- Evaluate the effect of State and Federal projects on historic/cultural resources and assist in developing avoidance or data recovery plans;
- Represent the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and the New York State Historic Preservation Officer to the public with other government agencies by providing information, technical advice and consultation;
- Assist local sponsors and consultants in preparing reconnaissance surveys and inventories of historic/cultural resources;
- Advise parties about preparing nominations for the National and State Registers of Historic Places, evaluate documentation, and prepare and evaluate nomination documents;
- Evaluate historic preservation issues; develop and edit articles and other materials for publication;
- Perform technical review of projects, including determining the existing condition, reviewing plans and construction proposals for compliance with historic preservation standards and programs, evaluating the impact of projects on archaeological sites, developing treatment recommendations and consulting with design professionals, cultural resources specialists, consultants, projects sponsors and local/regional governmental officials to resolve problems;
- Assist other staff in planning projects;
• Provide information to staff and the public about technical programs and standards by developing and conducting training programs, providing technical information, and preparing reports, brochures, and technical material;

Minimum Qualifications
A Master’s degree in Archaeology or Anthropology and must meet professional standards, guidelines as qualified professional archaeologist under 36CFR61.

Minimum of three years project manager field experience. Must be versed in the development and production of CRM reports.

Familiarity with New York State prehistory and history encouraged.

Strong written and verbal communication skills are essential.

Familiarity with computers, archaeological records and databases as well as state and federal preservation laws.

Special Consideration will be given to individuals who possess one or more of the following additional qualifications:

• A post-graduate degree with an emphasis in Anthropology or American (U.S.) Archaeology.

• Previous experience in the assessment of effects associated the application of state and/or federal historic preservation regulations.

• Experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) a plus.

This is a New York State Civil Service position at Salary Grade 18, with a starting salary of $43,023, annual performance increases and excellent benefits. The candidate selected will be appointed “provisionally” pending a future examination, but we anticipate this will be a long term appointment.

Send resume and cover letter to:

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Applications will be accepted until October 19, 2007