



OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
GEOSPATIAL SERVICE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Salt Lake City, Utah
August 15, 2013**

Position to be Advertised

The Geospatial Service and Technology Center (GSTC), a National Service Center for the USDA Forest Service, will soon be filling a Geospatial Specialist position. This position will be located in the Salt Lake City metro area, Utah.

About the Position

Geospatial Specialist: This position will serve as a Geospatial Specialist, a GS-09/11 Physical Scientist (1301) in the Secondary Base Unit of the Data Services and Products Group. The incumbent will serve as a project leader, assuming responsibility the planning, scheduling, and completion of assigned geospatial-related projects. The incumbent performs a range of geospatial data development and integration tasks for the design and display of cartographic products in a visual form that will convey the intended message to, or have the desired effect on, the intended audience. The incumbent will also act as Unit Leader with full responsibility and authority during the Unit Leader's absence.

The duties include:

- Uses geospatial technologies including, but not limited to geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), electronic publishing and computer graphic systems, and electronic plotting and scanning equipment.
- Performs cartographic duties such as: identifying and evaluating data sources for applicability and quality; and editing and symbolizing data content to product specifications.
- Generates, integrates, and edits geospatial data.
- Solves technical problems encountered during difficult phases of compilation in the construction, revision, and maintenance of cartographic products.
- Tests and evaluates state-of-the-art cartographic and graphic software, techniques, methods, or practices.
- Provides assistance and training to others in the Center as needed.
- Plans the visual aspects of maps and publications where general format and specific themes to be illustrated are not predetermined.
- Makes final decisions on such design matters as size, layout, color schemes, and media to be incorporated.

The Center

GSTC is located in West Valley City, Utah, and is a unit of the Geospatial Management Office, Washington Office Engineering Staff. GSTC is collocated with the Forest Service Remote Sensing Applications Center. GSTC employs a uniquely skilled and equipped staff of about 60 individuals dedicated to providing a variety of geospatial services—from GIS data integration, analysis, and tools development, to web-enabled applications, data production and dissemination, cartographic publishing, technical assistance and training.

Its mission is to (1) provide technical services to users of geospatial data and geospatial technologies; and (2) produce and disseminate geographic information. GSTC services and products reach all levels of the Forest Service—from Districts and Forests to Headquarters Staffs; across all Deputy Areas. GSTC directly supports mission critical activities such as: forest planning, forest health protection, resource inventories, recreation, fire suppression, and transportation planning.

The Community

The Center is located in West Valley City, Utah, (<http://www.wvc-ut.gov/>) in northern Utah. West Valley City has a diverse population of 129,480 (2010 census), making it the second largest city in the state. A full service community, West Valley City is located in Salt Lake County (<http://www.co.slc.ut.us/>), which encompasses the Salt Lake Valley and 15 other municipalities to include a total population of nearly one million. The Salt Lake area has major city amenities, from professional and minor league sports, to fine dining, theater, concerts, museums and other social and cultural opportunities, and a major international airport (<http://www.slchamber.com/>). The city also serves as a gateway to several resort towns, ski resorts, National Forests, and National Parks. The valley is at an elevation of 4300 feet and is surrounded by mountains that rise dramatically to an elevation of over 11,000 feet.

Housing

Currently, housing availability is high in Salt Lake City and surrounding communities. House rentals begin at approximately \$1,050 per month and average about \$1,300 per month. 2-bedroom apartment rentals average about \$625-\$800 per month. The average home price in the greater Salt Lake City area ranges between \$140,000 and \$400,000, while condominiums average \$187,000.

<http://extras.sltrib.com/HomePrices/>

<http://www.utahrealestate.com/>

Transportation

There are several public transportation services available through the Utah Transit Authority (<http://www.rideuta.com/>) including a bus system, light rail, and commuter train. The Forest Service offers an ECO Premium Pass benefit that subsidizes public transportation commuting costs for federal employees. Traffic on local roads is generally light to medium and average commute times range from 15 to 25 minutes.

Salt Lake Media

The area has two major newspapers, the Salt Lake Tribune (<http://www.sltrib.com/>) and Deseret Morning News (<http://www.deseretnews.com/>). There are several local television stations and cable television and radio stations in Salt Lake City.

Educational Facilities

Salt Lake County includes four public school districts and many private schools, which offer K-12 education. Salt Lake Community College, Westminster College, and University of Utah offer higher education opportunities.

<http://www.murrayschools.org/>

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/>

<http://www.graniteschools.org/>

<http://www.jordandistrict.org/>

<http://www.slcc.edu/>

<http://www.westminstercollege.edu/>

<http://www.utah.edu/>

Medical Services

Salt Lake City metro area has a large medical community with a wide variety of specialists, a number of clinics, and nine major hospitals.

<http://intermountainhealthcare.org/hospitals/altaview/Pages/home.aspx>

<http://intermountainhealthcare.org/hospitals/imed/Pages/home.aspx>

<http://intermountainhealthcare.org/hospitals/LDS/Pages/home.aspx>

<http://intermountainhealthcare.org/hospitals/primarychildrens/Pages/home.aspx>

<http://healthcare.utah.edu/hospital/index.php>

www.saltlakeregional.com

<http://www.stmarkshospital.com/>

<http://uuhsc.utah.edu/>

http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Salt_Lake_City/

<http://www.saltlakecity.va.gov/>

Churches

There is a wide range of religious services available in the metro area.

Recreation Around Salt Lake

Salt Lake is especially attractive for those who enjoy sports and the outdoors. Within 30 minutes, you can be skiing, hiking, camping, fishing, cycling, and golfing. Salt Lake City has some of the most spectacular mountain trails and views imaginable; from mountain lakes surrounded by pine forests to desert sunsets. Utah is also world renowned as one of the best places on earth for snow skiing, and was home to the 2002 Winter Olympics. Community recreation includes a number of local health clubs. The Salt Lake Parks and Recreation Department provides many recreational opportunities.

Vacancy Announcement

The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

If Interested

If you are interested in this position, please complete the Outreach Response Form attached to this notice and submit it by email to Mark Newton at mnewton@fs.fed.us or fax to 801-975-3478.

Return your form no later than **September 14, 2013**. Please contact Mark Newton by phone at 801-975-3796 or email at mnewton@fs.fed.us, or Karen Nabity at 801-975-3430, knabity@fs.fed.us if you have any questions or need additional information.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM – Geospatial Specialist, GS-1301-09/11

SUBMISSION OF THIS INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY

If you are interested in the Geospatial Specialist, GS-1301-09/11, at the Geospatial Service and Technology Center and want to be considered when the position is available, please complete and submit this form by September 14, 2013 to:

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Name:		Date:
E-mail Address:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone number:		
Current position title:		
Current employer:		
Are you a federal employee? (<i>right-click on box to check</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary
	<input type="checkbox"/> Term	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Are you a Forest Service employee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please list current Region/Forest/District:		
Current title/series/grade:		
Available for detail of	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Days	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 Days
	<input type="checkbox"/> 90 Days	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Days
(Please check all options that apply)		
If not a current employee (career or career conditional), are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Person with disabilities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Readjustment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled Veterans with 30% compensable disability	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Former Peace Corps Volunteer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Career Experience Program	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Describe)	