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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: WATER DATA PROGRAM MANAGER DEPT: BUREAU OF GEOLOGY

REG ☑ TEMP ☐ FULL TIME ☑ PART TIME ☐

STARTING RATE or SALARY RANGE $70,720 - $ 85,571
Employees being promoted to a higher classified position receive the minimum for the position or a pay rate adjustment of 8% whichever is greater.
All regular positions also entitle the employee to several benefits including health, dental, vision, life insurance, and retirement which is largely paid by New Mexico Tech for the employee and dependents.

INTERNAL POSTING THROUGH: 12/01/2026* CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN FIRST TO TEMPORARY AND REGULAR TECH EMPLOYEES WHO APPLY WITHIN THE 7 DAY INTERNAL POSTING. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE 7 DAY POSTING MARGIN WILL BE CONSIDERED WITH OTHER OUTSIDE APPLICANTS.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Water Data Initiative Program Manager is a position within the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (NMBGMR) responsible for leading statewide coordination of the Water Data Act on behalf of the Bureau. This role serves as NMBGMR's primary liaison to external state agencies, working groups, and stakeholders, coordinating outreach and collaboration to support the integration and sharing of water data across the state. The Program Manager acts as the central point of contact between NMBGMR, other state agencies, technical working groups, and the Data Services team to ensure water data is effectively collected, shared, and ingested into applicable water data applications.

JOB FUNCTIONS:

Statewide Coordination & Outreach
* Lead all water data outreach efforts on behalf of NMBGMR.
* Coordinate the statewide implementation of the Water Data Act, representing NMBGMR's role in the effort.
* Convene and coordinate various working groups of the Water Data Initiative statewide effort, which include participants from multiple agencies external to NMBGMR.
* Prepare and deliver presentations on the water data initiative to a variety of external stakeholder groups on behalf of NMBGMR.

Stakeholder & Data Engagement
* Identify specific use cases that are important for water data management and planning. Engage with stakeholders across the state including other state agencies, universities, and water data users to identify external data sources for sharing and integration to address the identified use cases.
* Coordinate with NMBGMR's Data Services team on methods and processes for ingesting externally shared data into the pipeline.
* Engage with agencies who reach out to NMBGMR’s Water Data Initiative Team with questions about data sharing.

Funding & Planning
* Coordinate and oversee the Water Data Funding opportunity, an annual funding program that funds water data projects at state agencies.
* Identify and capture grants and philanthropic support for Water Data projects.

* Coordinate with directing agencies on, and take responsibility for, the development and annual submittal of the Water Data Plan to the Governor's Office and legislative committees.

Events & Programming
* Oversee and coordinate the annual Water Data Initiative Workshop.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree in Related field (e.g., water resources, environmental science, public administration, data management). 5 years of experience with stakeholder management, coordinating multi-agency initiatives, working groups, or related management/coordination experience. Strong written and verbal communication skills, including experience presenting to diverse audiences. Ability to manage multiple concurrent projects and deadlines across agencies and stakeholders.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience managing grant or funding programs. Familiarity with water resources issues and data gaps for the state of New Mexico. Familiarity with water resources data systems and data-sharing frameworks.

LIFTING REQUIREMENTS:

(f)requently, (o)ccasionally, or (s)eldom

0 - 15 pounds	O
15 - 30 pounds	S
30 - 50 pounds	N
50 - 100 pounds	N
100 + pounds	N

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Standing	Sitting	Walking	Pulling
Pushing	Lifting	Stooping	Kneeling
Crawling	Climbing	Reaching	Other

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