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## Now hiring: Field Biologist II

### Description

St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement in Slidell, LA seeks a **Field Biologist**. The primary responsibility of this position is to collect data on local mosquito abundance, coordinate, and perform mosquito control operations. Work is performed under the supervision of the Field Operations Supervisor.

### Job duties include:

- Perform field inspections of larval mosquito abundance in a variety of habitats including septic roadside ditches, residences, freshwater swamps, marsh, and floodwaters.
- Perform field inspections of adult mosquito abundance by performing landing rates and setting/collecting mosquito traps.
- Use specialized equipment such as backpack sprayers, high volume liquid sprayers, ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayers, and granular sprayers to perform mosquito management interventions including adulticiding and larviciding in a variety of mosquito habitats.
- Coordinate larvicide control operations in septic roadside ditches by communicating with larviciders and updating maps.
- Provide professional in-person service to assess, recommend and perform effective mosquito management strategies for residents and businesses of St. Tammany Parish.
- Assist the Field Operations Supervisor to update the truck-based adulticide map by measuring driveways and collecting location information of driveways.
- Operate vehicles including right-side drive trucks, marsh master track vehicle, four-wheelers, side-by-side utility vehicles, airboats, and outboard boats.
- Communicate effectively and professionally with colleagues and supervisors.
- Knowledge of and strict adherence to rules of safe operation and handling of insecticides and equipment utilized for mosquito inspections and control activities.
- Maintain up-to-date records of inspection and control activities.
- Maintain a culture and attitude of safety, cleanliness, and professionalism.
- Maintain LDAF Licenses for applying mosquito control insecticides.

### Requirements

The applicant must have demonstrated ability to perform each of the above listed duties and demonstrate basic computer and tablet (or smartphone) proficiency. In addition, the applicant must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record.

### Qualifications

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in biological or environmental sciences or related field is preferable. In the absence of a bachelor's degree, high school diploma or equivalent and five years of experience in entomology, mosquito biology, and/or mosquito control are required.

### Compensation

Annual compensation of **\$42,000-\$55,000** is dependent on education and experience. In addition, health insurance premiums are currently fully covered by STPMAD. A public employee's pension plan is provided for retirement benefits. This position will remain open until January 21, 2019 or until filled. To apply for this position, please send a cover letter and CV or resume to:

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