Community Researcher Contractor

Oregon State University is seeking independent contractors to serve as community based researchers for the Fishermen Led Injury Prevention Program (FLIPP). This is a joint research project with OSU’s College of Public Health and Human Sciences and Oregon Sea Grant, with funds from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

About the Work

We are seeking a personal service contractor in Astoria, OR or Garibaldi, OR.

Contractors will be hired on an as needed basis. Contractors will receive a stipend of up to $5,000 for working up to 300 hours over a 12 month contracted period of $16/hour. The hours per week will vary with activities.

If mutually agreed upon, contracts can be renewed an additional year until September 2017 when the project ends.

The following are a list of tasks the contractors will be responsible for completing:

- Attend community researcher training each Fall in Newport, Oregon. Travel expenses will be paid.
- Verify Dungeness crab job task descriptions with commercial crab fishermen and other interested parties. This process will be done through interviews with fishermen.
- Provide outreach to the Dungeness crab fishermen in your area about the project.
- Participate in monthly conference calls with OSU faculty and contractor team, and provide updates during this meeting on the tasks you have completed and areas that need to be problem solved.
- Conduct a focus group to inform fishermen about the results of the injury survey and to brainstorm injury prevention ideas.
- Help find vessels and fishermen to participate in testing non-fatal injury prevention strategies.
- Contractor will be responsible for working with commercial Dungeness crab fishermen in the entire region for which they are hired, not just the town in which they live.
- Participate in both an entrance and exit interview.
- Complete periodic surveys about the training, research team, other elements of the project, and your growth as a contractor.

About the Project

FLIPP is a three year (Sept. 2014 - Sept. 2017) research project looking at non-fatal injuries in the Dungeness crab fishery in Oregon, Washington, and California. The project has three aims:

1) To characterize patterns of non-fatal injuries in the West Coast crab fleet.
2) To identify the highest-risk job hazards.
3) To test strategies for reducing injuries.
What are the necessary skills?

• Existing relationships to the commercial Dungeness crab fleet in the region you will be working.

• Ability to build and maintain new relationships with Dungeness crab fishermen and other interested parties in the area you will be working.

• Interest in understanding and preventing non-fatal injuries in the Dungeness crab fishery.

• Interest in working with your communities to answer research questions.

• Ability to host and facilitate meetings with commercial Dungeness crab fishermen to learn more about job tasks and non-fatal injuries in the Dungeness crab fishery.

• Demonstrated ability to work independently.

• Willingness to travel both within and outside the region you will be working from.

• Ability to work outside in inclement weather.

• Proficiency with computers and Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel).

What are the necessary tools and equipment?

• Cell phone with voicemail and sufficient data/calling plan to perform work duties.

• Computer and email.

• Working vehicle.

What is an independent contractor?

• Not an OSU employee.

• Does tasks is his or her own way.

• Assumes the costs associated with doing the work for OSU.

• Comes to the job with all necessary tools, equipment, and skills.

• The individual obtains his or her own business license (if needed/desired).

• Receives only payment for the service.

• Receives a gross amount check. Pays his or her own taxes.

• Works at his or her own office or home.

• Sets his or her own hours.

• Provides services to multiple entities.

• Not covered by workers compensation.

• No termination rights unless contracted.

• Paid as contracted; no overtime.

• No right to union representation.

How do I apply for the position?

Applications available at: extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/marine

Please send completed applications to Kelsey.Miller@oregonstate.edu

Successful candidates will be interviewed for the position in early 2016.

Positions are open until a successful candidate is found.

For more information, please contact: Kelsey Miller at Kelsey.Miller@oregonstate.edu