DUTY STATEMENT

Job Details

Job No: ACT 09-0156
Title: Scientist
Classification: Executive Level 1 (Science)
Division: Bureau of Rural Sciences
Branch: Climate Change, Water and Risk Sciences
Section: Climate Change and Water Sciences
Location: Canberra
Job is accountable to: EL 2
Employment Status: Non ongoing
Hours: Full-time
Security Assessment: Protected
Gazette Job Category: Science, Engineering, Technical

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The Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS) is the scientific bureau of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. At the interface between science and policy, BRS is an essential part of the Government’s capacity for integrated evidence-based policy development. The BRS mission is to deliver effective, timely, policy-relevant scientific advice, assessments and tools for decision-making to promote more sustainable, competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food, fisheries and forestry industries.

The Job

Individually or as a member of a team, carry out a range of functions including:

• Undertake scientific research projects and analysis on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the agricultural sector.
• Provide the Department, other BRS programs and other relevant organisations with authoritative scientific advice.
• Prepare reports, papers and oral presentations to support evidence-based policy.
• Liaise with stakeholders in other BRS programs, and with Commonwealth, State and non-Government organisations pursuant to the above duties, and represent the Bureau and the Department at meetings and workshops.

Ideally candidates should be experienced in working and reporting on research related to the impact of climate change on agricultural industries and/or water availability with a demonstrated capacity to produce high quality products often within short deadlines.
Selection Criteria

Criterion 1: Supports strategic thinking
• gathers and critically investigates scientific information and data
• draws accurate and logical conclusions based on this information and data

Criterion 2: Achieves Results
• contributes own scientific expertise and applies external expertise to achieve effective outcomes
• demonstrated ability to efficiently undertake and manage projects delivering scientific advice to clients on time

Criterion 3: Cultivates productive working relationships
• builds and sustains positive relationships with, and is responsive to, the needs of stakeholders and clients
• demonstrated ability to work across a range of subject areas
• fosters team work

Criterion 4: Displays personal drive and integrity
• persists with, and focuses on, achieving objectives despite adversity
• shows initiative and is proactive in project planning
• provides impartial and forthright advice

Criterion 5: Communicates with influence
• tailors communication styles appropriately
• ability to formulate scientific advice for non-technical audiences
• understands relevant stakeholders’ expectations and concerns

Criterion 6: Demonstrates professional proficiency
• brings the appropriate levels of professional skill in the broad field of climate change sciences to the business of BRS Programs
• a broad understanding of the public policy process and public policy implications of scientific advice, particularly for issues related to agriculture, fisheries or forestry

Criterion 7:
• Demonstrated understanding of, and commitment to, effective leadership and management of OH&S and rehabilitation issues and an understanding of the concept of workplace diversity and its contribution to effective organisational performance

Qualifications/Special requirements

Appropriate tertiary or equivalent qualifications in climate change science, agriculture or water science are highly desirable.
Security Assessment

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a security assessment and maintain an ongoing Protected security clearance.

Contact

For more information about the position please contact John Gray on (02) 6272 5381.

Closing Date

Applications close: 10 December 2009

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