

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District is currently seeking qualified applicants for a *Bovine TB Biosecurity Technician* to work with livestock producers in Michigan's northeast Lower Peninsula. The position is grant funded through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Responsibilities: The Michigan Wildlife Risk Mitigation Program is mandated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development to reduce the spread of bovine tuberculosis (TB) from wildlife to cattle in the northeast Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The *Technician* will develop and monitor the effectiveness of Wildlife Risk Mitigation Action Plans on farms and coordinate the construction of risk reduction projects that will be cost-shared through the District. The *Technician* will also participate in team assessments of high risk cattle farms and provide recommendations and alternatives for risk reduction.

As the first point of contact with producers, the *Technician* will assist in the planning and implementation of risk reduction practices in the service area and other counties as directed. The service area includes DMU452 or Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Oscoda counties. This is a field work based position. The work environment is predominantly outdoors, in all seasons.

The *Technician* will work cooperatively with a variety of conservation partners, including the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), as well as with local livestock producers.

The work will be performed under the supervision of the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District Board of Directors and District Manager, and monitored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Education: The applicant must possess a four-year agriculture, wildlife - or natural resources-related degree from an accredited college or university.

Experience: Mapping experience using ArcMap software is important. Farm background/experience helpful.

Location: The individual will be employed by the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District and report to the workstation in Alpena, Michigan. Assignments will cover a multi-county area.

Salary: Compensation based on education and experience. Benefit package available. Desired starting date: on or before January 8th, 2018.

How to Apply: Submit your resume *and* cover letter via regular mail or e-mail by January 2, 2018:

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