

Job announcement: DIRECTOR OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & RODENT CONTROL, EBR Parish Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control District, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Closing date: Until filled.

Salary information: commensurate with experience (range from \$68,598-\$96,340/year plus benefits).

Description: The successful candidate will be expected to conduct highly responsible professional, administrative, and supervisory work in directing the activities of the East Baton Rouge Parish Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control District. Work involves responsibility for directing the planning, operation and financial management of a comprehensive program to identify and eliminate breeding areas of mosquitoes and rodents in East Baton Rouge Parish. Work is performed in accordance with professional standards, procedures and techniques under the administrative and policy guidance of the East Baton Rouge Parish Mosquito and Rodent Abatement District Board.

The successful candidate will be expected to: 1) Plan and direct the work of a moderate size staff of professional, technical and skilled employees engaged in the identification and elimination of breeding areas of mosquitoes and rodents in East Baton Rouge Parish. 2) Select pesticides and application techniques for the most effective control of mosquito and rodent population in East Baton Rouge Parish, and evaluate effectiveness of program operations and implement changes as needed. 3) Coordinate mosquito and rodent abatement program with appropriate governmental, local health, and law enforcement agencies. 4) Disseminate information to the general public through the various news media on health-related problems of mosquitoes and rodents, and to motivate the general public to eliminate breeding areas and report public health hazards. 5) Prepare budget recommendations for program operations and submit them to the Mosquito and Rodent Control Abatement District Board and the City-Parish Council for approval.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and graduate degree in entomology. PhD and degree in Medical Entomology preferred. A minimum of three years of experience in mosquito or vector control required. Possession of current Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commercial Pesticide Applicator certification in Subcategory 5a (Aquatic Pest Control), Subcategory 8b (Rodent Control), and Subcategory 8d (Mosquito Control: Program Supervisor) will be required.

The successful candidate will be expected to have: 1) Knowledge of modern office practices and procedures. 2) Ability to effectively plan, organize and supervise the work of a moderate size group of professional, technical and skilled employees. 3) Ability to analyze, develop and implement short and long term plans for effective control of mosquito and rodent populations in East Baton Rouge Parish. 4) Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with local and state officials and the general public. 5) Ability to express ideas, clearly and concisely, orally and in writing, to groups and to individuals. 6) Ability to work well with other agencies including City Parish Departments, Louisiana State University, other mosquito control districts, Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health, LDAF, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Experience working with Employee Unions and/or Civil Service desirable.

Applicants should provide a letter of application, a resume, and contact information for three references to Dr. Martha Littlefield, 732 Rapides St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806; malittlefield@lsu.edu.