

ENVIRONMENTAL POSITION AT KEITH AND SCHNARS, P.A.

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Keith and Schnars, P.A. is currently seeking an individual for the following position:

Field Biologist

Position involves field monitoring for protected species at a construction site adjacent to Lake Okeechobee near Pahokee, Florida. Responsibilities include bald eagle nest monitoring, migratory bird counts and nest monitoring, and reconnaissance for other protected species such as gopher tortoises, Eastern indigo snakes, burrowing owls, and Okeechobee gourds. Biologist will document the locations of imperiled species and provide recommendations for their protection. During summer months, field monitoring must be conducted either at dawn or dusk. This position is anticipated to be part-time from September 2010 through March 2011 (2 days per week, 10 to 20 hours per week) then full time beginning April 2011 (5 days per week, 40 hrs per week). Hourly rate is \$18.00 - \$23.00 per hour depending on experience.

Required Skills and Qualifications: High school degree and college coursework in biology. Reliable and punctual. Ability to work outside under all weather conditions. Ability to conduct bald eagle monitoring in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bald Eagle Monitoring Guidelines including ability to recognize patterns and changes in eagle behavior and capable of recording those observations in a scientific manner. Ability to identify juvenile and adult bald eagles and document their nesting behaviors. Ability to identify and count migratory birds, especially wading birds and other shoreline birds. Ability to locate and identify migratory bird nests and document nesting phases and nesting success. Ability to recognize gopher tortoises, Eastern indigo snakes, burrowing owls, and Okeechobee gourds. Ability to complete field logs. Experience with scientific bird counts preferred. Must have valid driver's license.

To apply, send a resume to John Abbott, Director of Environmental Sciences and Water Resources Planning Division, at jabbott@keithandschnars.com.