



# USET

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Tribal Climate Science Liaison

**Brief Description of Duties to Be Performed:** The Office of Environmental Resource Management (OERM) Tribal Climate Science Liaison will serve as a technical expert on climate change issues, resource vulnerability, and climate adaptation actions to Tribal nations in the USET region, and more broadly in the combined region comprising the Department of Interior's Northeast Climate Science Center and Southeast Climate Science Center (NE CSC and SE CSC). The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will be responsible to develop and implement a communication, education and outreach program; identify climate research needs and priorities; and provide climate adaptation planning support to Tribal nations. He/she will also integrate program and research results into budget documents, annual reports, or other documents. The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will participate in a network of Tribal climate science liaisons within the Climate Science Center system; and a national workgroup of Tribal organizations, Tribal colleges, and other partners to address policy and resource issues associated with Tribal climate resilience. This position will be based at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

**Minimum Requirements:** Ph.D. degree preferred, or Master's degree with at least three years of experience, in an area of science relevant to climate change and Tribal issues, including the social sciences and public health;

- Familiarity with recent climate change research and resources within applicant's area of expertise; with the ability to assist in development and evaluation of research proposals, methods and outcomes;
- Experience applying comprehensive knowledge of principles of climate science, biology, ecology, and related sciences to strategic planning with the goal of maintaining science relevance and linkage to societal needs;
- Knowledge of consensus building and group facilitation processes as illustrated through previous collaborations with federal, Tribal and state agencies, academic institutions, and other organizations;
- Demonstrated knowledge of, and previous involvement in, issues that Tribal communities in the USET region are facing that could be addressed through research in climate change impacts;
- Understanding of Tribal nations, values, needs, and traditional ecological knowledge; with the ability to work within the customs and traditions of diverse Tribal nations, such as reflected among USET member Tribal nations.
- Strong oral and written communication skills, especially the ability to articulate relevant climate change-related issues and program products and concepts to Tribal nations and non-scientists generally;
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as a collaborative team member along with the ability to organize, prioritize, document and manage multiple projects.
- Ability to travel and work irregular hours as necessary.

**This position is funded for one year by the Department of Interior. While NE CSC and SE CSC are working on making this a long-term position, that is contingent upon availability of funds.**

*Position posted:* April 5, 2017

*Closing Date:* Open until filled

*Please email cover letter and résumé to:*

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