# Career-Building Opportunity Indigenous Archaeological Field Worker Job Description

#### Overview:

TransCanada in partnership with Stantec Consulting and Green Eagle Services is currently accepting applications from highly motivated, enthusiastic Indigenous candidates within New Brunswick interested in participating in its 2015 archaeological shovel testing program and pursuing a career in Environment or Archaeology.

The Indigenous Field Worker program offers opportunities for Indigenous participants to gain hands-on experience alongside trained archaeologists and knowledgeable field technicians.

Experience in fieldwork or archaeology is preferred, but not considered essential; pre-field and on-the-job training and mentoring will be provided by Field Directors, Supervisors, Observers and Archaeologists.

# **Duties & Responsibilities**

Successful applicants will provide hands-on assistance in archaeological shovel testing survey(s) to examine conditions and collect field data to identify pre-contact and/or historic period sites within the proposed footprint of the SJX/TCPL project.

Shovel testing involves the digging of shovel test pits and the screening of soil from those test pits through wire mesh to look for archaeological or cultural heritage resources. Mapping, flagging and other archaeological techniques may also be used.

Indigenous Archaeological Field Workers will work Monday to Friday in a variety of settings throughout the province from forests to open pastures, and work in most weather conditions. Archaeological work days generally range from 8 to 12 hours daily, depending on travel and length of daylight hours.

Fieldworkers will be responsible for working with Archaeology Observers on preparing weekly and other reports and for participating in activity reporting to First Nations in New Brunswick.

# Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of archaeology surveys and associated methods
- Obtain a working knowledge of archaeology surveys, analysis and reporting.

# Career Development:

In addition to providing employment, the Indigenous Archeological Field Worker program is designed to develop and guide careers by:

- Utilizing and building on existing Indigenous skills and knowledge
- Providing professional guidance, training and mentoring opportunities
- Offering ongoing career support services

#### Qualifications

Applicants, at a minimum must

- Have the ability to carry out strenuous field work;
  - walk long distances
  - carry heavy equipment
  - work in bended positions
  - work in various weather conditions
- hold a high school diploma or equivalent
- be prepared to work long hours (typically 8 to 12 hours daily)
- be willing to travel and live out within New Brunswick;
- be willing to comply with the requirements of a health and safety program which includes training, procedures, use of personal protective equipment, and reporting
- complete all safety and training requirements
- be able to converse in English.

#### Assets include:

\*please note the below assets are not a requirement for application/employment consideration\*

- archaeological/environmental field work experience
- an undergraduate degree in anthropology or archaeology (or equivalent related field)
- currently enrolled in an anthropology or archaeology undergraduate program
- A valid driver's licence
- Up to date First-Aid certification

# **Traveling Requirements**

Indigenous
Archaeological Field
Workers will be expected
to report to a
predetermined
mobilization point on
Monday mornings for that
week's scheduled field
surveys.

Indigenous
Archaeological Field
Workers will be expected
to travel with their
respective teams to
various locations
throughout the province
to conduct scheduled
surveys.

# **Compensation/ Accommodations**

- \$20/per hour
- \$55 per diem (daily meal allowance)
- Accommodations will be provided at no charge to the participant.
- Other applicable travel costs will be fully reimbursed.

# How to Apply

Please submit a detailed résumé & cover letter, referencing relevant background, interest and desire to work in the archaeological/heritage sector to:

Christian Matossian, Manager, Indigenous Relations, Energy East Pipeline Project

<u>christian matossian@transcana</u> <u>da.com</u>

Applications can also be submitted via a representative from your community.

Applications will be accepted until September 11, 2015 at 11:59 pm.