



**FOREST OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
FORESTRY OPERATIONS - MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION
ATCO ELECTRICITY GLOBAL BUSINESS UNIT
GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB**

This position involves overnight travel of up to 50% of working hours, to various locations.

WHO WE ARE:

ATCO Electric is an Alberta, investor-owned utility delivering electric energy to customers throughout northern and east-central Alberta. Albertans count on ATCO Electric for the safe, reliable delivery of electricity to their homes, farms, and businesses, and serves almost two-thirds of the province, delivering electric energy to petroleum and forestry companies, farms, towns and cities, First Nations and Métis Settlements.

With nearly 6,000 employees and assets of approximately \$19 billion, ATCO is a diversified global corporation delivering service excellence and innovative business solutions through leading companies engaged in Structures & Logistics (manufacturing, logistics and noise abatement), Utilities (pipelines, natural gas and electricity transmission and distribution) and Energy (power generation, industrial water infrastructure, natural gas gathering, processing, storage and liquids extraction). More information can be found at www.atco.com.

DESCRIPTION:

This position is responsible to support the implementation of annual vegetation management programs, completing vegetation patrols on Transmission and Distribution power line rights-of-way, documenting vegetation conditions and hazards and recommending vegetation control treatments. This field-based position meets with land-owners, prepares landowner consent documents and obtains permission and approval for the planned vegetation control activities from private landowners and public agencies. The position supports the delivery of annual vegetation control programs by inspecting contractor work, resolving customer concerns, completing Job Observations on contractor crews, and monitoring / tracking contractor productivity and contractor costs on assigned projects.

Responsibilities Include:

- Supports Senior Forester in implementation of annual vegetation management plans.
- Patrols power line rights-of-way, documents vegetation conditions, and recommends remedial actions.
- Measures vegetation management sites, details the scope of work required, and negotiates with landowners for permission to complete the required vegetation control work.
- Identifies, documents, and marks danger trees and vegetation hazards.
- Negotiates landowner consent for proposed vegetation control work.
- Prepares cost estimates for vegetation control work and clearing rights of way for new projects.
- Monitors contractor progress, quality, safety, and environmental performance on assigned projects.
- Participates in job planning, completes contractor start-up and post completion meetings.
- Communicates performance expectations to contract crews.
- Takes required actions to correct unsafe conditions or work practices by contract crews.
- Supports the investigation of contractor and ATCO incidents and Near Misses.
- Completes work-in-progress and final inspections and reports for assigned project work.
- Coordinates the delivery of Small Distribution projects (DPP) for assigned area.
- Monitors and tracks contractor productivity and costs on assigned projects.
- Supports work group and District's efforts in building and enhancing customer relationships.
- Supports First Nations and Aboriginal community's participation in work opportunities.
- Negotiates with third parties for access, road use and pipeline crossing approvals.
- Meets with landowners to mitigate landowner concerns and contractor deficiencies.
- Notifies Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) when vegetation control programs and hazard reduction activities are initiated and completed.

Qualifications:

- A Forestry related diploma or degree of a recognized post-secondary institute or a Utility Tree Trimming/ Utility Tree Worker Certificate.
- Registered Professional Forest Technologist or Registered Professional Forester designation preferred
- 1-3 years' of experience in vegetation management, right-of-way vegetation control, requirements, best practices and standards, supported by proven contractor management skills, required
- Valid Class 5 vehicle operator license
- Demonstrated commitment to health, safety, and environmental values.
- Knowledge of forest management, land-use regulations, wildfire prevention, and HSE management.
- Strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills with the ability to promote effective vegetation control and power line safety requirements to landowners.
- Ability to manage projects and contractors.
- Good planning, organization and business writing skills.
- Demonstrated cross-cultural skills with a willingness to learn and understand treaties, land claims and traditional land use issues.
- Good computer skills and experience working with databases
- Experience working with GIS mapping systems and GPS equipment would be considered an asset

Interested candidates should submit their resume on www.atco.com/careers/ quoting competition number **REQ3923** on or before **October 20, 2017**.

We would like to thank everyone for their application; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.

Final candidates will be required to undergo a Security Clearance Check.

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