Southwest Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory is hiring a new Forensic Analyst in the Biology Department. All applications are due by June 15, 2020.

Job Description:

Job Purpose: Individuals employed as a Forensic Analyst are responsible for analysis of evidence, issuing reports containing the results of those analysis, and presenting those results in court.

Duties and Responsibilities: Acquire and maintain technical competency in the forensic analysis of at least one technical department; Conduct forensic bench work analysis on routine materials of varying complexity and difficulty; Issue Certified Laboratory Reports; Perform administrative, support, and quality functions as necessary to maintain analytical service; Assist in maintenance of the Lab’s safety equipment, analytical equipment and instruments; Maintain effective communications with supervising technical analyst; Participate in the Lab’s proficiency testing program; Participate in continuing education and training programs; Read current scientific literature in your technical department; Receive a satisfactory evaluation of job performance.

Essential Functions: Communicate clearly in English both orally and in writing with both scientific and non-scientific personnel; Attend out-of-state training for extended periods of time; Differentiate and determine color; Operate and maintain laboratory equipment; Perform complex scientific procedures and manipulations following Laboratory Policy and Procedures; Adhere to established laboratory safety practices as required by the Laboratory Safety Manual.

Job Requirements: A minimum Baccalaureate Degree in a biology-, chemistry-, or forensic science-related discipline including a minimum of 12 credit hours of course work covering the following subject areas: biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, and statistics or population genetics.

Personal Work Relationships: Work with other laboratory personnel as necessary; Work with persons submitting evidence from law enforcement agencies; Work with attorneys, prosecution and defense, and other court personnel.

Physical Effort and Work Environment: Perform the majority of the work in a laboratory environment; Work routinely with evidence and a variety of chemicals; Work with potential biohazard material; Travel may be required.

Pay/Benefits:
The starting salary for a Forensic Analyst is $3537 per month and includes a variety of benefits including employer paid health insurance for the employee and enrollment in the sheriff’s pension plan. Additional information regarding benefits can be obtained by contacting cmorris@cpso.com

To apply:

Complete the application at https://www.cpso.com/employment/ and send the completed application, resume, and transcripts (can be unofficial but will require official prior to hiring) to:

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