
Job Announcement

Transmission Utility Forester

This position is eligible for a \$500 sign-on bonus!

Position: Transmission Utility Forester

Locations: Blacksburg, Danville, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, VA

As a **Transmission Utility Forester** with ECI, your office is the great outdoors! We keep the lights on anywhere there is a power line - whether in the city, the rural countryside, or deep in the remote forest. As an ECI Forester, you will keep communities informed about the trees and power lines while ensuring safe delivery of their power.

During these uncertain times, you can take pride in knowing you are an **essential employee**. Our team members work independently in an outdoor environment and follow all CDC recommended guidelines and company safety protocols relevant to COVID-19.

Some of the most important characteristics of **ECI Utility Foresters** is that you are open-minded and able to engage in safe, constructive interactions with the public. You are accountable for advancing a culture of safety and excellence while providing quality and value to our customers and clients.

Any interested applicants must apply online through the company website, at the locations listed below:

<https://www.eci-consulting.com/careers/>

[Blacksburg, VA](#) [Danville, VA](#) [Charlottesville, VA](#) [Lynchburg, VA](#) [Roanoke, VA](#)

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Industry competitive pay.
- Company vehicle with a fuel card to take to and from home & work.
- Medical/Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance, effective Day 1 for full-time team members.
- 401K eligibility.
- Paid Holidays, Vacation, and Sick Leave.
- Weekly paychecks and direct deposit.
- Participation in Employee Referral Program (must meet eligibility requirements).
- Boot and clothing program (company-funded).

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- Ongoing training and assistance with obtaining industry certifications.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

- Work Plan Transmission Line Wreck and Rebuild Projects.
- ROW clearing operations.
- Danger Tree assessments and supervision of removals.
- Assist the Access Team with clearing projects including significant interaction with landowners and farmers. Develop vegetation management plans for their properties.
- Ensure safe and reliable electric service delivery to the public.
- Act as the subject matter expert regarding utility vegetation management (UVM), for clients, landowners, and other stakeholders.
- Ensure tree crews are following proper safety and arboricultural practices and procedures.
- Address customer concerns related to vegetation in and adjacent to utility easements.
- Coordinate with utility engineers to assist with infrastructure upgrades and new construction.
- Negotiate with customers for tree removal as prescribed.
- Perform QA/QC inspections on completed vegetation management work.
- Identify vegetative threats to safe & reliable electric service and develop action plans to mitigate.

WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE:

- 1-2 years of UVM, Forestry, or related outdoor experience.
- Certification as an ISA Arborist, Registered Forester, or other related certificates/licenses.
- Ability to travel extensively within a set region daily.
- Solid, local tree identification skills.
- Ability to read maps.
- Willingness to work alone, outdoors in various weather conditions and terrain.
- Superb written and verbal communication skills.
- Basic computer skills (Microsoft Office, smartphones).

WHAT WOULD BE AMAZING TO HAVE:

- Bachelor's or Associates degree in Forestry, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, or related discipline.
- Prior experience using GIS software preferred.

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- A strong desire to grow and develop your career and knowledge in the UVM industry with ECI.
 - Bi-lingual speaking (English and Spanish).

Working Environment

- Work alone in an outdoor field environment; vehicle and foot patrol of utility power lines; remote locations as well as urban, city environment; physical demands and travel from site to site, including walking/hiking on various surfaces including flat, dry, wet, slippery, uneven, rough, steep terrain, hills, and slopes; exposure to noise, dust, grease, and all types of weather and temperature conditions; exposure to hazardous traffic conditions. Reasonable accommodations, if available, may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

Physical

- The team member must have sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in a field environment; to walk up to 10 miles per day, stand, sit, and operate a motor vehicle for prolonged periods of time; to frequently stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, run, crawl, climb, reach, twist, grasp and make repetitive hand, arm and shoulder movement in the performance of daily duties (e.g., forcefully beat down brush); carry, push and/or pull light to heavy amounts of weight, frequently lift up to 10 lbs. and occasionally lift up to 60 lbs. (sandbags); to operate assigned equipment and vehicles; ability to verbally communicate to exchange information with public; ability to see and hear in normal range with or without correction; operate assigned field equipment, including handheld computer, range finder, fyrake, water backpack, shovel, and traffic cone.

Company Overview

- Environmental Consultants (ECI) is a leading provider of vegetation and asset management consulting services to the utility industry. Successful professionals at ECI have come from a variety of backgrounds, including: forestry, arboriculture, natural resource management, biology, landscape maintenance, horticulture, nursery management, environmental sciences, geology, agriculture, parks & recreation management, urban forestry, geography, and more. For more information visit our website www.eci-consulting.com
- **Applicants must pass a pre-employment drug test and a criminal background check.**
- **All candidates must possess a valid driver's license and have a good driving record.**
- **ECI is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. EOE/AA: Minority/Female/ Vets/ Disabled.**