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Re: Forest Industry Analyst Position at Forisk Consulting

Mission
Support Forisk’s research and clients by maintaining and updating Forisk datasets, analyzing forest industry drivers such as timber supply and demand, and creating client and research deliverable products with the Forisk team.

Who You’ll Work With
The Analyst is a full-time position based in Athens, Georgia; the role supports Forisk’s Client Services. Forisk works as a team of collaborative researchers that cover areas of overlapping expertise to meet the needs of the Forisk Research Quarterly (FRQ) program and client projects. Client Services delivers Forisk’s research to clients and helps them apply it to specific questions and opportunities in their businesses. The role reports directly to the VP of Client Services and would support client projects, fulfill client requests, and perform analysis.

What You Will Do
Support Forisk’s research and clients by (1) conducting quantitative analysis of timber prices, wood demand, and forest supplies, and (2) updating, maintaining, and generating reports from mill and timberland owner databases.

Expected Outcomes
1. Deliver analysis and interim deliverables to project manager(s) on time.
2. Produce quality, thorough work products that address client and internal questions and needs.
   a. Support efforts to actively improve products and services, based on feedback collected from clients over time.
3. Capture weekly updates for mill and timberland owner databases, and report key developments to the Forisk team at Monday team meetings.

Job Description
The Analyst reports to the VP of Client Services and supports the Forisk team, including the VP of Research. This is a full-time position based in Athens, Georgia. Primary responsibilities include:
- Support data systems for the FRQ and client requests, including forest supply analysis using U.S. Forest Service data, updates for Forisk’s mill and mill announcements databases, updates to Forisk’s tracking of timberland owners and transactions;
- Support price forecasts and market analysis for consulting studies;
- Support timberland ownership and forest management research;
- Generate charts, tables, and maps to support consulting studies and FRQ subscribers; and
- Contribute to and co-author on-going, in-house Forisk research related to timber markets, the lumber sector, timberland investments and forest technology.

While the above responsibilities represent the basic tasks of the Analyst role, the position includes internal and external training, education and opportunities for independent projects and service.
Competencies
1. Analytic skills (data-oriented), including GIS and/or other modeling;
2. Attention to detail in your work and in reviewing the work of others;
3. Good listener; able to discern the true issues and objectives;
4. Curious about the data and key insights;
5. Forestry or natural resource background (preferred);
6. Care about others (team first);
7. Committed to communicating openly and to acting with integrity;
8. Communication skills for interacting with clients and market contacts;
9. A good sense of humor.

Ideal Qualifications, Skills and Abilities
The successful candidate will have, at a minimum:
- BS degree in forestry/forest products, natural resources, or economics/finance;
- Direct experience with or exposure to forestry or natural resource operations, research or markets is preferred;
- At least 1 year of direct experience with economic analysis, forecasting, or research, and the technical and software skills required to conduct this analysis independently;
- Proficiency with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and GIS software (Microsoft Access preferred); and a
- Proven track record of success, based on prior work experience, achievements, references and/or research.

About Forisk Consulting
Founded in 2004, Forisk conducts applied, nationally-cited research to better understand the business of forestry and changes over time in timber markets. We discover how things work to help the forest industry make better decisions. This research supports the Forisk Research Quarterly (FRQ) service, consulting projects conducted for FRQ subscribers, and educational workshops delivered to senior management and investors in the timber-growing and wood-using industries. Current Forisk clients account for over 200 million tons of annual wood use and over 100 million acres of timberland ownership and management in North America. This includes firms and organizations based in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia and South America.

To Apply
Send your resume and cover letter to Heather Clark at hclark@forisk.com by August 16, 2019. Call Forisk at 770.725.8447 if you have questions.