



**TITLE:** Mobile Irrigation Lab Technician

**LOCATION:** Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District, 4505 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870

**REPORTS TO:** Mobile Irrigation Lab Manager  
Executive Director for Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District

**SALARY:** Based on Education and Work Experience

**BENEFITS:** Group Insurance Plan-Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Disability  
Florida Retirement System  
Paid Leave  
Vehicle to perform all job duties  
Cell Phone

**Position Purpose & Objectives:**

This is a technically oriented position which will operate in a team environment with field personnel from the Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)-Office of Ag Water Policy (OAWP). A multi-county position based in Sebring, Florida and covering the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Plan area and neighboring areas to conduct evaluations of agricultural irrigation systems for accuracy and efficiency.

**Essential Job Functions:**

Working with the Mobile Irrigation Lab Manager, make contacts with agricultural producers of varying commodities to set up evaluations of irrigation systems. Evaluations will be conducted in the field followed by inputting of data and report creation in the office. Participate in public outreach and education in support of the MIL programs. Participate in staff trainings and meetings with MIL staff within the region and state. Perform other job-related tasks as needed or assigned. In carrying out the duties of this position the employee is expected at all times to be aware of and abide by the procedures and policies of the District.

**NOTE:** Successful applicant must pass a background screening, including fingerprinting, as a condition of employment with the District.

### **Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:**

- Knowledge of FDACS-OAWP programs and functions
- Knowledge of the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) procedures and functions
- Knowledge of data collection and analysis principles
- Ability to read and interpret a variety of maps, plans, aerial photographs, and the policies of the FDACS-OAWP programs
- Ability to prepare technical reports
- Well-versed skills in the use of computer and/or tablet with basic ability to use Word, Excel, mapping of properties and office equipment
- Ability to deal with the public in a tactful, professional and courteous manner.
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Ability to plan, organize, coordinate and complete assignments in a timely manner, often times with deadline dates

### **Physical Abilities:**

- Ability to communicate orally via telephone and face to face.
- Ability to take measurements, pressures and run tests to evaluate efficiency of a variety of agriculture irrigation systems
- Ability to sit at work station for continuous periods of up to four hours
- Ability to stand and walk including over soft or uneven outdoor surfaces, for periods of up to four hours
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle for up to four hours continuously.
- Ability to work in the field in the Florida climate
- Ability to lift up to 20lbs.

### **Working Conditions:**

Indoor work in an office and outdoor field environment. Travel required. Minimal overnight.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma is required. In certain situations equivalent work experience may be substituted. Basic knowledge of irrigation systems and agriculture production not required, but ideal. Requires possession of a valid Florida Driver License.

**Success Factors:**

The individual filling this position should be detail-oriented, assertive, organized, with ability to be self-directed with exemplary time management skills. This person should also enjoy interaction with the general public, being outdoors and have a sincere interest for agriculture and natural resources.

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I have read and understand this position description. I further understand that this position is based on contract funding availability.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_