CITY OF SEATTLE

Landscape & Organics Resource Conservation Planner & Program Lead (P&D Spec Sr)

SALARY: $41.26 - $48.09 Hourly
LOCATION: Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave., Seattle, Washington
JOB TYPE: Classified Civil Service, Regular, Full-Time
SHIFT: Day
DEPARTMENT: Seattle Public Utilities
BARGAINING UNIT: Not represented
CLOSING DATE 01/28/20 04:00 PM Pacific Time

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is seeking a Landscape and Organics Resource Conservation Planner and Program Lead. This senior planning and development position is the lead for developing, managing, and implementing complex community engagement programs to achieve SPU's environmental, regulatory compliance, and community-centered customer service goals, in an inclusive and equitable manner. This position reports to SPU's Solid Waste branch, and also serves the Drainage and Wastewater branch. The position serves as a strategic policy and technical lead related to organics waste prevention, recycling, and landscape stormwater issues. Program implementation requires this position to perform strategic planning, research, development, oversight, and leading intra- and inter-departmental, inter-agency, and community stakeholder teams, impacting SPU's public accountability, relations with regional jurisdictions, and regulatory compliance requirements.

About Seattle Public Utilities:
Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is a Community Centered Utility working to make Seattle the best place to live for everyone. We deliver high quality, vital services, across four major lines of business: providing water, solid waste, drainage and wastewater services for Seattle residents and businesses. In addition, SPU provides drinking water for 1.5 million regional customers in Seattle and other municipalities. Our customers depend on us to deliver high quality, reliable, and cost-conscious utility services and to achieve the highest benefits possible for every investment we make.

SPU commits to Our City Values, Workplace Expectations, and Racial Equity and Social Justice as core principles that guide our work. We support and hold ourselves accountable by eliminating barriers to access and providing employees with equitable opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

Web announcement for this position and application information at:

https://agency.governmentjobs.com/seattle/job_bulletin.cfm?jobID=2672115&sharedWindow...
JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position is SPU's lead for landscape management of organic wastes and pollution prevention, including natural yard care, backyard composting, pesticide reduction, soils and stormwater landscape best management practices, organics recycling, and compost market development. Key tasks include:

- Manage the Sustainable Yard and Home public outreach and education program and large outreach contract with multiple funding agencies, embedded in all three SPU Line of Business work plans. Coordinate with cross-SPU staff on program subtasks;
- Lead and conduct professional training related to sustainable landscaping and design;
- Develop and maintain extensive public and professional outreach materials: print, web, and various media in multiple languages;
- Serve as technical, policy, standards, and training lead on organics recycling, soil, stormwater, and landscape best practices. Lead and technically guide related interdepartmental, inter-agency and community teams;
- Engage our diverse residents, so that they see themselves as stewards of our region's natural resources and quality of life, and incorporate that awareness into their daily actions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:
A Bachelor's Degree in urban planning and design, environmental studies, biology, ecology, public administration, or a related field.
Or, two additional years of relevant qualifying experience.

Experience:
Three years of experience in planning, research, program management and field work related to land use, urban economics, human services, environmental issues conservation; or other work related to City planning and development activities, such as outreach and collaborative education with diverse communities.

The ideal candidate will have some combination of the following experience: hands-on work in landscape or soil-related fields; work experience in organics recycling and composting; program, budget, contracts and reporting experience, including program development and management; broad knowledge of resource conservation issues (soil, water, waste, stormwater, energy, climate change) and sustainable landscape/ecosystems design; experience in research and writing for outreach in print and web formats, especially interpreting scientific subjects for public and professional audiences; experience working in a second language and/or distinctly different culture, preferably in a community outreach role; experience organizing collaborative teams, including program and project management skills; previous government, consulting, nonprofit, or private industry experience in a related capacity.

License:
Driver's license or evidence of equivalent mobility; to meet customers and shareholders, and deliver outreach and education.

Please note this job advertisement is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

To be considered for this position, please attach the following with your online application:

- A Resume including your experience to date;
- A Cover Letter detailing your qualifications and why you believe you are the best person for this role.
**Working Conditions:**
Occasional evening and weekend outreach, event management, and teaching required.

At Seattle Public Utilities, our job is to protect the area's quality of life. We pledge to meet community and environmental needs by:

- Maintaining some of the nation's best drinking water
- Preventing sewer backups, flooding, and landslides
- Helping Seattle residents and businesses be recycling leaders
- Protecting local waterways and the Sound from sewage overflows and polluted stormwater runoff.

We do this while always keeping in mind that we need to spend customers' money wisely.

We are also making sure that as Seattle grows, it's even better for future generations. A place where:

- Less garbage is shipped to the landfill
- The drinking water is protected
- Utility infrastructure is well-built and maintained

And where salmon thrive in healthy waterways.

Seattle is known as a progressive leader in technology, innovation, and the environment.

As an employer, the City of Seattle is a leading local government in environmental stewardship, green building and social justice, making our City what it is today and shaping our future. Our employees play an important role in making this possible.

Learn more about Seattle Public Utilities at our web page www.seattle.gov/util/

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: [Job #2019-02160](http://www.seattle.gov/jobs)

If you are unable to apply on-line you may submit a paper application by the closing date to our office.

OUR OFFICE IS LOCATED AT:
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 5th Avenue, Suite 5500
Seattle, WA 98104

Careers@seattle.gov

Who May Apply: This position is open to all candidates that meet the minimum qualifications. The City of Seattle values diverse perspectives and life experiences. Applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Department encourages people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ people, people with disabilities, veterans and those with diverse life experiences.

Accommodations for people with disabilities are provided on request.

The City is a Drug Free Workplace.

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