Graphic Design – Student Hourly Position
MSU Public Education Related to Water

Position overview:
Extension is the public education branch of MSU and has a variety of program areas on campus and across the state. The MSU Extension Water Quality (MSUEWQ) program is seeking a student with graphic design experience in Adobe Illustrator to work with us to produce graphics on water education topics.

There is an immediate need for creation of a graphic similar to the USGS graphic at the top right. This project will include discussion of key concepts, assessment of an existing simple concept drawing, discussion of approach for creation of the graphic using Adobe Illustrator, independent work to create draft content, working sessions with MSUEWQ personnel to refine the graphic, and training MSUEWQ personnel on how to modify and update the graphic.

Other graphic design and publishing related opportunities may arise if this effort goes well.

Pay and hours:
The position will start at $11 to 13 an hour dependent on experience with potential for increase in the future if proficiency is demonstrated. The initial project is expected to take 20 to 30 hours with flexible schedule spread over 2-4 weeks. Negotiation of flat rate rather than hourly is possible.

Necessary skills:
- Proficiency in Adobe Illustrator
- Ability to design graphics to convey 3 dimensional and other complex concepts
- Basic proficiency in Photoshop
- Access to Adobe Suite software
- Ability to work with scientists to design graphics to clearly convey scientific concepts
- Ability to teach others how to perform basic functions in Adobe graphic design programs

Applying:
To apply, send resume, sample of work, and a cover letter to Adam Sigler at asigler@montana.edu, by Oct 3rd at 6:00 PM. If you are interested, but unable to meet this deadline, you can send an email requesting a later deadline. Please ensure that your resume and/or cover letter demonstrates your relevant experience as well as an indication of why you are interested in the position.

A little more about our program:
MSUEWQ works on projects across Montana to engage the public in data collection to connect them to local waterways and foster stewardship of water resources. We produce both complex data intensive figures as well as simplified cartoon style figures to make complex scientific topics accessible to broad audiences. We have online data visualization tools and will likely be moving into more GIFs and other interactive graphics tools in the future.

Website: http://waterquality.montana.edu/

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