

Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Program Director
Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources
Edwards Aquifer – Recovery and Implementation Program (RIP)**

Responsibility

To provide leadership and be responsibility for directing and managing all aspects of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery and Implementation Program (RIP). The RIP is a collaborative and cooperative effort of affected parties to conserve, protect, and enhance Federally-protected fish, wildlife, plants and their habitat throughout the region served by the Edwards Aquifer and Guadalupe River Basin of Texas.

Duties

Work with the Edwards Aquifer – RIP Steering Committee to develop and implement policies, plans, and programs.

Advise the Steering Committee on new and emerging issues that affect its objectives and recommend appropriate responses and actions.

Serve as the principal spokesperson for the RIP program.

Work with elected officials, special interest groups, community leaders and others to communicate and implement the policies and programs of the RIP.

Work with the Steering Committee and others to seek funding, promote policies, programs and legislation that will support or enhance the objectives of the RIP program.

Direct biological and hydrological research and communicate results to the Steering Committee.

Prepare briefing materials and conduct presentations on pertinent topics to organizations, special interest groups, and legislative bodies.

Work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and affected agencies regarding the status of protected species.

Perform other duties as directed by the Steering Committee.

Reporting Relationships

The Program Director reports to the Edwards Aquifer – RIP Steering Committee and the Associate Director of the Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources.

Qualifications

Background Requirements

A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in natural sciences, public administration, natural resources management, or related field.

Five (5) years experience directing and managing activities related to conservation and protection of wildlife and/or other natural resources.

Ability to communicate technical material and results to non-technical audiences.

Knowledge of issues related to the management and ecosystems associated with the Edwards Aquifer and Guadalupe River basin.

Ability to provide strong leadership and effective decision-making in directing efforts of the RIP.

Experience in planning and budgeting.

A valid driver's license and the ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Physical Requirements

This job will involve long workdays and irregular work hours, possibly including some weekends.

Must be able to manage short deadlines and deal with stressful situations.

Job performance also requires travel.

Salary

Competitive and commensurate with qualifications.

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**PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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The Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and The Texas Cooperative Extension Service, seeks an energetic and experienced leader to fill the position of the Program Director for the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (RIP).

The mission of the program is to, through a collaborative and cooperative process, develop a RIP to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife and their habitat in the Edwards Aquifer and Guadalupe River Basin. Under direction of a Steering Committee, the Program Director is responsible for initiating, directing, and coordinating all aspects of programs associated with serving this mission including securing funding through grants or other sources. The Program Director will provide strong leadership and effective decision-making in directing efforts of the RIP.

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Application Instructions

Applicants are required to submit: (1) cover letter explaining the applicant's reason for interest in the position; (2) a resume or curriculum vitae; (3) list of three references that are knowledgeable of the applicant's background and experience, and (4) salary history. Additionally, please include a written response to the following:

1. Describe your experience in leading/participating in working groups.
2. Explain your experience in interpreting technical reports and presenting this information to non-technical audiences. Also, discuss experiences in writing reports/correspondence/communiqués to legislator, community groups, and making public presentations.
3. Describe your professional/supervisory/leadership experience.
4. Describe your experience with the Edwards Aquifer and Guadalupe River management and ecosystem issues, endangered species, the Endangered Species Act and Texas legal and political system that affects the process.

Interested candidates should apply on-line at: <https://greatjobs.tamu.edu> Refer to NOV #: ????

Deadline for applications is September 30, 2207.

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