

THE ORGANIZATION

Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council (BCTC) is a Regional Managing Organization for the Blackfoot Confederacy Nations of Kainai-Blood, Siksika, Peigan-Piikani and Amskapi Piikuni.

The Blackfoot Confederacy has been established to bring the four Nations together to deal with common issues, with external entities such as the Government of Alberta (GoA), indigenous services Canada (ISC), Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

Formalizing the unification of the Blackfoot Nations will facilitate an integrated and effective approach to implementing initiatives designed for the betterment of the lives of the Blackfoot people.

The Declaration of Siksikaitsiitapiwa or Blackfoot Confederacy was signed in Lethbridge on the 25th of May 2000.

BACKGROUND

BCTC is committed to supporting First Nations in managing community infrastructure in a way that is proactive, efficient, and is meeting the standards of service necessary for vibrant and sustainable communities. BCTC is currently leading an initiative to take over care and control of housing and infrastructure programs in services.

As part of this initiative, BCTC is leading a pilot project to develop comprehensive asset management plans to continue to support Kainai-Blood, Siksika and Peigan-Piikani First Nations. Developing asset management plans will provide the Nations vital information about infrastructure that is organized and accessible, which will further support their development of autonomy and self determination through long-term infrastructure planning.

The successful candidate will be responsible for working with current BCTC Director of Technical Services and technicians, coordinating with local Nation Members within the Blackfoot Confederacy territory (Kainai-Blood, Siksika, Peigan-Piikani), and working with other advisors to enhance awareness and understanding of transferring care, control and management of housing and infrastructure programs and services to the Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council.

The successful candidate would be a team-oriented individual who has knowledge and experience fostering relationships and engaging Indigenous communities. The successful candidate must possess exceptional interpersonal skills and will interact and communicate with various stakeholders and partners with differing opinions and worldviews, often under tight timelines.

As a Community Liaison, you will:

- Report to the Director of Technical Services
- Participate in Indigenous consultation and engagement for Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council
- Regularly visit and liaise with Kainai-Blood, Siksika and Peigan-Piikani First Nations to enhance awareness and understanding of transferring care, control and management of housing and infrastructure programs and services to the Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council.

- Develop an ongoing conversation and connection with the Nations and Blackfoot Confederacy to ensure the Nation's needs are best served
- Collaborate closely with Kainai-Blood, Siksika and Peigan-Piikani First Nations, BCTC departments, and consultants to gather information, coordinate, schedule and facilitate workshops
- Lead and develop Indigenous and public participation and engagement sessions
- Maintain clear communication and provide coordination with outside agencies including all relevant governmental agencies (such as Transportation and Highways, Environment, and Health), private utility companies, other departments, members, visitors, and the business community.
- Initiate ongoing communication with the BCTC as well as member First Nations' Chiefs and Councils regarding the status of the community's existing nation-owned and operated infrastructure.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Suggested Schooling: natural resource management or environmental sciences, Indigenous studies, political science, business, law or a related field
- Minimum of two year experience in project management or closely related field
- Ability to compile and analyze information
- Ability to write reports, correspond with businesses and communicate through email
- Knowledge of the Blackfoot Confederacy, its communities and government
- Knowledge of the Blackfoot Culture
- Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions
- Ability to problem solve, collect data, draw valid conclusions, and create solutions
- The position calls for travel and attendance at three (3) of the four (4) Blackfoot Tribes
- Strong ability to work independently
- Ability to speak the Blackfoot language is an asset

COMPENSATION & TERM

Blackfoot Confederacy is looking for at least one full-time or up to 3 part-time positions, depending on the interest and skills of potential applicants. On application, please indicate your interest in full vs. part-time

OPENING & CLOSING DATE

We would like to thank all applicants for your interest in working with the Blackfoot Confederacy and we invite qualified candidates to apply.

Please send your resume and letter of application to jonahj@blackfootconfederacy.ca by midnight on February 28, 2023.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.