

Employment Opportunity: Senior Field and Innovation Manager

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INSPIRE Environmental is hiring for an experienced **Senior Field and Innovation Manager**.

We are a growing environmental science consultancy, based in Newport, RI, and looking to add an exceptional manager to our entrepreneurial team. We develop and implement innovative tools to rapidly measure the health of the marine environment, and we have a reputation for doing it very well. Our clients are leading companies in offshore energy and environmental consulting industries, and governmental and regulatory agencies. Our projects are always diverse in scope and complexity and may require local, regional, national, or international travel.

We seek a candidate who is experienced in offshore field operations and has developed innovative technologies to improve existing processes and address emerging research questions, as well as being self-motivated, highly organized, and understands what it takes to be an essential part of a team. The selected candidate must represent INSPIRE's core mission and values in a professional, courteous, and ethical manner. They should have an extensive knowledge of Marine Science/Oceanographic Field Sampling and experience in managing projects from conception to implementation.

Position Summary

The **Senior Field and Innovation Manager** will lead INSPIRE's field team and play a vital role in planning and staging field operations and maintaining safe and healthy operations; managing scientific operations and developing creative, innovative equipment ideas for emerging research questions; maintaining subsea equipment; and supervising field scientists and technicians. This individual must be able to lead INSPIRE's field program, must have strong troubleshooting and technical problem-solving skills, and demonstrated management and organizational skills. This position requires an individual to be flexible, multi-task effectively, and possess excellent documentation and communication skills. The Senior Field and Innovation Manager may also have the opportunity to participate in field work, including offshore deployments.

Key Job Functions and Requirements:

- Provide leadership for INSPIRE's field program including supervising field scientists and technicians.
- Participate as a member of INSPIRE's Senior Management team to assess opportunities and promote strategy.
- Work with the COO and Senior management team to identify and pursue funding opportunities.
- Work with the COO to manage the field operations budget and plan capital expenditures.
- Supervise the operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of INSPIRE's oceanographic, geophysical or geotechnical, or hydrographic science instrumentation and equipment.
- Evaluate existing processes to determine if innovative products could enhance productivity and data integrity.
- Lead the development of strategy and innovation focuses, including creative, innovative equipment solutions to expand INSPIRE's research capabilities.

- Work with Project Managers, Chief Scientists and INSPIRE’s Data Team to execute successful field programs on time and on budget.
- Plan, direct, and manage complex and/or multiple field programs.
- Assess project risks and opportunities to avoid or minimize potential health and safety concerns.
- Determine staff assignments, plan, and schedule work for field scientists and technicians and track to ensure projects are running according to plan and budget.
- Develop documentation including proposals for field operations, field sampling plans and project health and safety plans.
- Provide primary shore support to teams in the field.
- Travel to domestic and international field sites to assist with vessel mobilization and ensure systems are operational.
- Supervise shipping of domestic and international shipments while adhering to all legal rules and/or company guidelines.
- Maintain a safe workplace for onshore and offshore activities and ensuring that safety is always the highest priority.

Other requirements: Valid driver’s license and good driving record, a valid Passport, and possess or have ability to obtain BOSIET certification, pass an offshore medical exam (OGUK), and possess or have ability to acquire TWIC credential. Must be able to pass random drug and alcohol tests.

Desired Experience:

- Minimum 10 years of applicable experience in a technical role as primary shore support and/or aboard a commercial or scientific vessel.
- Knowledge of underwater imaging and sampling equipment.
- Previous experience managing people, including performance assessment.
- Previous experience managing projects, including finances, schedules, and deliverables.
- Previous experience developing support for innovative technology through proposal development.
- Experience in asset management and tracking of equipment from acquisition through retirement.
- Experience operating in an industry-standard health and safety program.

Desired Education:

- A BA/BS degree in relevant scientific, engineering, or technical field and 10 years of management experience in a professional setting.

To Apply:

Please consider your experience and capabilities in relation to the desired skills and experience presented above. If you think we are a match, please send your resume, a cover letter, and three professional references to Careers@INSPIREenvironmental.com and put “**Senior Field and Innovation Manager**” in the subject line. Qualified candidates will be contacted by email and invited for phone or web-based interviews.

We are building a progressive, flexible field team to respond to new work, join us!

At INSPIRE, we are committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, physical and mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, military and veteran status, and any other characteristic protected by applicable law. INSPIRE believes that diversity and inclusion are critical to our success as a company, and we seek to recruit, develop, and retain the most talented people from a diverse candidate pool.

No calls, recruiting agency resumes or contact please.