The Need

APA is recruiting for a qualified Associate Technician to participate in conducting lab research work that includes testing, data acquisition, analysis, and preparation of test samples for engineered wood products.

Typical responsibilities will include:

• Maintains, calibrates and operates test equipment under the direction of a project leader or the TSD management.
• Prepares test specimens under the direction of the supervisor. Maintains orderly and accurate records of work.
• Assists the supervisor in the design and construction of new test equipment, test jigs, or related items necessary to the operation of the laboratory.
• Assumes responsibility as assigned for setting up test equipment conducting tests and recording data.
• Maintains records as directed of equipment operation, test results, and other necessary information within the scope of the assigned research project.
• Performs calculations necessary in the reduction of raw test data using office calculators or desktop computers under professional supervision.
• Follows accident prevention programs, works safely and maintains a clean work area.
• Follows a maintenance program on all laboratory equipment and performs such other general maintenance as may be assigned.
• Maintains inventory of necessary supplies and orders new supplies as needed.
The Requirements
• HS degree or equivalent. Some vocational or technical training preferred.
• 1-2 years related shop/laboratory/construction experience preferred.
• Experience operating table, radial arm and band saws. Welding experience a plus.
• Experience with computers. Microsoft Excel experience a plus.
• Recent forklift experience.
• A valid WA driver's license and a clean driving record.
• Ability to lift 50 – 75 lbs. on a routine basis.

The Employer
APA-The Engineered Wood Association is the premier industry trade association representing the majority of the North American producers of glued, engineered wood products. Our member companies represent 85% of structural wood panels, 80% of glulam beams, 70% of I-joists and 72% of laminated veneer lumber manufactured in the US and Canada. We provide testing and grade certification, publish and distribute technical literature, research new products and applications and support members in penetrating and expanding markets. This position will be based at our Tacoma, WA campus which includes our 42,000 sq. ft. research lab.
We offer competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits program including health, life and LTD insurance, paid leave and holidays, 401(k) retirement program, and tuition reimbursement programs.

For confidential consideration, qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to hr@apawood.org. We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those under consideration for the role will be contacted.

For more information about APA, please visit our website at www.apawood.org.

APA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.