The Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS) is searching for an outgoing, network-oriented individual to serve as a Technical and Outreach Specialist, working out of our offices in Ann Arbor, MI. GLOS was established to provide public access to critical, real-time and historical information about the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River and interconnecting waterways for use in managing, safeguarding and understanding these freshwater resources. GLOS is focused on identifying and meeting user needs and therefore GLOS staff work closely with Great Lakes users.

The Technical and Outreach Specialist will report to the Executive Director. Approximately 50 percent of the incumbent’s time will be focused on cultivating Great Lakes resource managers and decision-makers who currently use or could benefit from modeling to support decision-making and connecting this group with the diverse Great Lakes physical, chemical and biological modeling community.

Approximately 50 percent of the incumbent’s time will be focused on outreach to GLOS members and others in the user community that could benefit from GLOS products and services, coordinating or conducting user needs assessment, working with specific user groups to identify new tools and refine existing products and tools.

The incumbent in this position will operate in a collaborative environment involving public agencies, academia and a range of stakeholder groups.

**Duties include:**

- Oversee development of a Great Lakes modeling community of practice, including strategies for engaging both users of modeled output and modelers;
- Enhance and implement an existing member, client, stakeholder engagement strategy across GLOS focus areas, including identifying potential members and developing targeted communications and engagement strategies to involve them in GLOS;
- Consult regularly with GLOS members, agency partners, user communities and GLOS PIs to refine or adapt methodologies to fit specific project requirements;
- Conduct literature reviews and contribute to articles and grant proposals as needed.
- Prepare and maintain project plans, records and reports including budget tracking/management.

**Qualifications:**

The incumbent will have a minimum of a Masters degree or equivalent experience in a relevant field, e.g., environmental science, environmental engineering, oceanic and atmospheric sciences, information technology, with experience working in a multi-disciplinary environment; experience developing and/or applying hydrodynamic, ecological or ecosystem models to resource issues; a strong network within the relevant resource management, university and/or Great Lakes industry/business communities; demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team. A minimum of three to five years relevant professional experience preferred. Excellent written and oral communication skills; strong interpersonal skills; ability to manage multiple deadlines and prioritize among competing goals; experience with facilitation, outreach and engagement (e.g., meeting planning, developing and tracking action items, tracking group processes); facility with MS applications, e.g., Word, Excel, required; knowledge of wiki and other professional networking applications an asset; grant writing experience is an advantage. Twelve month position with opportunity for renewal based upon funding availability. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

Reply with resume, cover letter, three references, salary history and expectations to Dr. Jennifer Read, Executive Director, Great Lakes Observing System, jread@glos.us, by Friday, September 10, 2010.