POSITION TITLE: HOUSING REHABILITATION TECHNICIAN  

REPORTS TO: Weatherization Supervisor

SUPERVISES: None

STATUS: Non-Exempt

SUMMARY:
Performs carpentry-related duties including installation of attic/wall insulation, venting, doors, windows, kitchen/bath fixtures and solid fuel appliances. Wraps water heaters/pipes, installs exhaust fans, drywall, roofing and siding, glazes windows, paints and does light framing and finish carpentry. Evaluates home’s indoor air quality and tightness to determine weatherization needs and appropriate remedies. Provides job cost estimates and assessments. Operates power hand tools and insulating machines. The position is responsible for the rehabilitation work on existing housing in the Tri-County service area.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

* Carpentry related duties may include installation of doors and windows, insulating attic, walls, floors and installing appropriate venting, blower door testing and air sealing, wrap water heaters and pipes, install exhaust fans, window glazing, mobile home skirting, light framing, finish carpentry, drywall, roofs, siding, painting, foundations, ramps, kitchen and bath remodels, installation of solid fuel appliances. Will operate four to five complex pieces of equipment including skill saws, drills and insulating machines.

* Advises, assists and trains new staff; reports progress to the Weatherization Supervisor. Conducts safety meetings and inspections.

* Observes all safety and health rules applicable to the area of assignment including the proper use of safety devices and personal protective equipment (PPE).

* Monitors jobs for proper installation and ensures client satisfaction; educates clients on energy conservation and weatherizing. Ensures all safety practices are adhered to and followed.

* Assists Weatherization Supervisor to prepare and maintain records such as audit sheet, work orders, vehicle maintenance records, client satisfaction sheet, evaluations, time sheet and safety meeting minutes.
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* Performs manual loading/off-loading of materials and supplies; physical lifting of materials up to eighty pounds. Keeps all work areas clean, safe, and neat.

* Performs regular vehicle and equipment maintenance activities; conducts safety inspections; checks vehicles; schedules servicing and repairs as necessary.

* Ability to operate and interpret data from diagnostic tools for the evaluation of client's homes for health and safety concerns, indoor air quality and air tightness. Ability to collect, analyze and apply electronic diagnostic data to the weatherization process.

* Performs energy audits and conducts pre-construction assessments to estimate job costs.

* Attends training workshops, safety meetings, and staff meetings.

Performs other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Thorough knowledge of weatherization procedures, installation specifications and the use and applications of weatherization diagnostic monitoring equipment.

- Knowledge of federal and state policies, procedures and regulations applicable to area or assignment.

* Knowledge of construction safety principles and practices.

- Thorough knowledge of job estimating and price costing of material and labor.

- Ability to organize and prioritize work independently with minimum supervision.

- Thorough knowledge in rough-and finish-carpentry.

- Thorough knowledge in the use of construction and insulation tools and equipment, including safe handling and accident prevention.
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- Ability to understand and execute oral and written instructions, policies and procedures, including all safety instructions and procedures.

- Knowledge of and ability to maintain manual inventory systems.

- Ability to establish and maintain manual record keeping systems including safety meeting minutes.

- Ability to operate 1-ton vans safely.

- Ability to recognize and solve problems related to home rehabilitation.

- Ability to communicate effectively with staff and the general public using tact, courtesy and good judgment.

- Thorough knowledge of home inspection procedures, use of diagnostic equipment and a technical aptitude for the use of various electronic weatherization monitoring equipment.

- Ability to lift 80 pounds.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work is frequently performed in enclosed spaces, under mobile homes, in attics and crawlspaces and includes working with insulation and air sealing products. Staff are required to work in seasonal temperatures from 10°F - 100°F and are subjected to dirty, dusty, and occasionally unsanitary conditions. Activities require working on ladders, scaffolding, roofs, etc., and physically involve sitting, standing, climbing, crawling, squatting, kneeling, bending, stooping, twisting, turning, and laying on back.

Position may require the use of respiratory equipment, including facemasks. All respiratory equipment must be properly fitted to ensure effectiveness, health, and safety. Weatherization workers may be required to remove facial hair to accomplish this.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school diploma or GED; four years general construction and repair experience including window, door and insulation installation;
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or

Any combination of education and experience which would provide the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge and ability required to perform the job.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES:

Valid Washington State driver's license.

Industrial First Aid certification or be able to obtain within 30 days of employment.

Physical examination within three weeks of employment and continuing annually thereafter.

Acceptable completion of a criminal history background check.

* ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS