WRE Technical Manager

Location: Home-based, with regular travel across Eastern England

Salary: c£60k per annum plus a competitive benefits package

Full time, 37 hours per week (flexible working possible)

The opportunity

A unique opportunity has arisen for an experienced water management expert to join the Water Resources East team to provide leadership and oversight of a broad portfolio of integrated water management projects across Eastern England. Our new Technical Manager will play a key role in the development, delivery and production of WRE's Regional Plan integrating technical aspects of multi-sector and organisational strategies for example flood risk management, land use change, energy/water alignment, economic development and natural capital planning. Our Technical Manager will supervise and manage consultants, academic partners and project managers, and will also seek out new collaborative project opportunities, including the development of applications to funding and grant-making bodies.

About you:

We are expecting that our Technical Manager will have the following knowledge, skills and experience:

- Experience of working in a senior water resources planning role and a clear understanding of the regulatory landscape
- Excellent data management and analytical skills, with the ability to process and assimilate large datasets, assuring quality
- Demonstrable understanding of modelling techniques
- Strong programme and project management skills
- People leadership and management experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with experience in the production of technical reports
- Experience of developing grant applications with funding and grant-making bodies
- Experience of leading cross-organisation initiatives
- Relevant postgraduate qualification in a water resources or flood risk related discipline
- Working towards or achieved Chartered status

About Water Resources East:

Water Resources East (WRE) was formed in 2014 by Anglian Water, who were keen to learn from international best practice on how to develop a more collaborative approach to water resource management planning in a region under significant pressure due to

population growth and economic ambition, the need for enhanced environmental protection and significant climate change impacts. In June 2019, Water Resources East became an independent legal entity (a Company Limited by Guarantee), and a new multi-sector Board of Directors was formed along with a new membership model.

Water Resources East (WRE) Ltd now operates as an independent, inclusive, collaborative, exploratory and forward-thinking membership organisation, working with over 200 organisations. Over the next two years we will be working to develop a single, multi-sector best value adaptive Regional Plan for water management across Eastern England. We will do this through a detailed co-creation, engagement and collective decision-making process with key national, regional and local stakeholders, including regulators and policy-makers. To learn more, visit https://wre.org.uk/ or follow us on LinkedIn or @WaterREast on Twitter.

How to apply

Please send us your CV along with a covering letter telling us why you think you will be particularly suited for this important role; please send these to contact@wre.org.uk, marked for the attention of Kirsty Goddard-Holmes.

The closing date for applications will be **Friday 21st May 2021**. We will hold interviews (via Zoom or similar) in early June. We would expect the successful candidate to be able to start as soon as possible.

Water Resources East is an Equal Opportunity Employer

We believe that equal opportunity means inclusion, diversity and fair treatment for all. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion includes the recognition that our work and the success of our organisations is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs and culture.

We are passionate and committed to the learning and development of our people, making sure they have the right skills and knowledge to be successful and to help achieve their potential. We take the health, safety and wellbeing of our colleagues very seriously in everything that we do.

If you are offered a job with us you'll be subject to the relevant/standard employment checks, including: your right to work in the UK, references, driving licence and identity check.

Full Job Description for the WRE Technical Manager

1). Provide technical leadership and oversight of a broad portfolio of integrated water management projects, including:

- Developing specifications for technical work and appointment of consultants, contractors and academics
- Line management of Project Managers as required
- Supervision of external delivery partners, including consultants, contractors and academics
- Identification of new technical project and partnership opportunities, and the development of collaborative funding applications.
- Responsibility for a budget of around £3m

2). Delivery of WRE's Regional Plan, including:

- Management of data inputs and modelling outputs, ensuring that water company Water Resource Management Plans directly align with the WRE Regional Plan
- Managing quality assurance and control in respect of the WRE Water Resources Planning data
- Integrating technical aspects of multi-sector and organisational strategies into WRE's Regional Plan, for example flood risk management, land use change, energy/water alignment, economic development and natural capital planning
- Supporting the Technical Director(s) in ensuring that the WRE Regional Plan aligns with other Regional Plans to form a coherent national picture
- Provide technical authoring of the draft Regional Plan and subsequent iterations, working closely with the Head of Engagement and Communications and the Technical Director(s)

3). Support the Technical Director(s) in the preparation of WRE position papers and other input to key regional and national groups, including:

- The National Framework for Water Resources Senior Steering Group (SSG) Regional Coordination Group (RCG) and subsidiary groups (policy, environmental and modelling)
- Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (Anglian Northern, Anglian Great Ouse and Anglian Eastern)
- Liaison with WRE (and other) water companies in respect of issues related to the draft and final WRP Guidelines and any related guidance from RAPID, Defra, Ofwat, the Drinking Water Inspectorate, the Environment Agency and Natural England
- RAPID "All Company Working Group" (ACWG)
- WRE Board and Strategic Advisory Group
- Policy consultation responses
- Academic papers and other articles to promote good and best practice

4). Deputise for the Technical Director(s) and the Head of Engagement and Communications as required in programme, project and external stakeholder meetings.