

Position Announcement for Social Science Lead

Playa Lakes Joint Venture (PLJV) seeks a program leader with demonstrated abilities to facilitate large, innovative research and development projects as the Social Science Lead. PLJV's consistent use of targeted communications over the last 15 years has resulted in an appreciation and frequent use of social science research to better understand and meet the needs of our audiences.

PLJV is a regional partnership of federal and state wildlife agencies, conservation groups and private industry dedicated to conserving bird habitat throughout portions of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The Joint Venture facilitates cooperation among a broad coalition of partners on the national, regional, state and local levels to fund and implement habitat conservation. We provide regional planning, value-added efficiency and implementation approaches, while our partners provide financial, technical and local expertise to develop conservation projects. In addition, PLJV supports local conservation partnerships, state agencies and other partners by developing various decision support tools, as well as providing education about how to use the tools to target and deliver the most effective habitat conservation. PLJV also works with a variety of partners to inform landowners about conservation programs and to target conservation efforts in areas that will provide the most benefit.

The Social Science Lead has an important leadership role in PLJV's six-state partnership. The Social Science Lead will guide and advise PLJV staff and partners to develop and apply social science research to deliver habitat conservation and will integrate with other PLJV departments including biological science, habitat delivery, GIS, communications, and finance. The first project will involve the planning, development, and implementation of a social science study along the Platte River. We anticipate future projects will involve grasslands and CRP, as well as playas and the Ogallala Aquifer.

For more information on this position, including the full job description and information about the first study, please visit our website at: <u>pljv.org/about-us/job-opportunities</u>.

Interested applicants should email their cover letter and resume as a single PDF document to Mike Carter, PLJV Coordinator, at <u>jobs@pljv.org</u>. The deadline for all applications is 5:00PM MST, Monday, March 15.