

# **AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST**

*Montana Valley Irrigation - Great Falls, MT*

*Full time salary \$50,000 - \$70,000/yr DOE plus potential for commissions*

## **POSITION SUMMARY**

The Agricultural Technology Specialist (ATS) will oversee the installation, operation, and management of ag tech systems and related functions. The ATS will manage technology in the office and in the field, supporting customers and co-workers on advancements in the industry. The ATS establishes effective communication with appropriate executives, staff and customers to ensure IT needs are met.

## **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*The essential functions include, but are not limited to the following:*

- Directing IT activities for the company; directing operations of company-wide information systems, including telecommunications and data networks
- Providing hands-on involvement and support of ag technology projects and being accountable for ultimate success of such projects
- Establishing ag technology standards and methods of evaluating applications; planning and executing feasibility studies;
- Surveying new and/or emerging ag technologies; preparing ROI analyses for management review; developing plans for acquisition and installation of equipment and software
- Keeping informed of new developments and trends; making recommendations to senior management on desirable additions or replacements
- Performing other work-related duties as assigned

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES)**

- Bachelor's degree in Ag Business, Computer Science or other technical discipline from an accredited university; post-graduate or additional IT training/certification preferred
- Experience in small to mid-sized companies preferred
- Previous industry experience preferred
- Knowledge of business objectives and strategies
- Excellent customer service skills
- Proven project management skills in a fast-paced, dynamic environment
- Excellent time management, presentation and organizational skills
- Ability to Interpret and apply complex technical information
- Knowledge of systems design and implementation in a database environment
- Knowledge of technical and user-related aspects of a personal computer environment
- Skill in creative and adaptive program planning design, implementation, maintenance, and evaluation
- Enjoy working in a growth-orientated, high-energy environment

## **ABOUT MONTANA VALLEY IRRIGATION**

As a family owned and operated Valley dealer, Montana Valley Irrigation offers growers the most reliable irrigation products, the industry's best-trained service technicians, a dependable parts supply and knowledgeable agronomic support. We offer a full line of parts for all types and brands of agricultural irrigation systems.

Valley products are manufactured by Valmont Irrigation, the leader in precision irrigation. Valmont introduced the very first center pivot irrigation unit. Among other Valmont "firsts" are corner arm units and computer control technology for center pivots and linears. Today, Valley products enhance food production while conserving and protecting natural resources in more than 100 countries.

Montana Valley Irrigation is proud of their family and team oriented culture and offers competitive pay and benefits packages.

## **PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the functions. While performing the duties of this position, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to use hands or fingers, handle or feel objects, tools, or controls. The employee is frequently required to stand; walk; sit; and reach with hands and arms. The employee must be able to lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision, distance vision, and the ability to adjust focus. The noise level in the work environment can be high.

## **NOTE**

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee(s) incumbent in this position. Employees will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related duties requested by any person authorized to give instructions or assignments. All duties and responsibilities are essential functions and requirements and are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. To perform this job successfully, the incumbents will possess the skills, aptitudes, and abilities to perform each duty proficiently. Some requirements may exclude individuals who pose a direct threat or significant risk to the health or safety of themselves or others. The requirements listed in this document are the minimum levels of knowledge, skills, or abilities.

Montana Valley Irrigation is an Equal Opportunity Employer, drug free workplace, and complies with ADA regulations as applicable