

Position Announcement: DOE Office of Science, Program for Ecosystem Research, Chief Scientist

The DOE Program for Ecosystem Research invites applications for the position of Chief Scientist. The Program would like to fill the position, with an employee of one of the DOE National Laboratories, before the end of calendar 2004.

To apply: Submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and list of five scientists (with email addresses and phone numbers) who could be contacted to discuss the application. Include an outline of ongoing and recent (past 5 years) research, modeling, and synthesis projects with the application. Send the application, by email, before September 15, 2004, to Dr. Jeffrey S. Amthor at <mailto:jeff.amthor@science.doe.gov>.

Position description: The DOE Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER), Program for Ecosystem Research (PER) Chief Scientist will be an ecologist with a background including successful experimental research, modeling, and/or synthesis as demonstrated by a record of peer reviewed scientific publications. The Chief Scientist will regularly recommend to the PER Program Manager research topics that might be addressed by the PER to meet its mission and goals, along with specific science questions that would be answered. The Chief Scientist will remain abreast of results of ongoing PER-funded research projects and related research funded by other agencies and other countries and will prepare periodic reports (including single paragraph updates, journal articles, and white papers) to the Program Manager, the BER Climate Change Research Division, the U.S. Climate Change Science Program, and the larger scientific community, synthesizing research results of the PER and other ecosystem research activities related to global environmental change. The Chief Scientist will work with the Program Manager and other scientists, as needed, to develop and maintain (i.e., update as required) a Strategic Plan for the PER. The Chief Scientist will also assist in the definition of PER performance metrics, milestones, and products. The Chief Scientist will assist in the reporting at periodic intervals major scientific accomplishments and outcomes from PER-funded research to the PER program manager. The Chief Scientist will arrange and lead annual meetings of the PER Principal Investigators (Science Team meetings), and will arrange meetings of smaller groups of scientists as needed to assist the PER. The Chief Scientist will oversee the development and maintenance of the PER website. The PER website will be maintained by the Chief Scientist at the Chief Scientist's laboratory and will be linked to the BER website at HQ. It is expected that the Chief Scientist will be supported in this position about half-time, and will be generally available to the Program Manager on short notice. Some travel to DOE HQ (Germantown) may be needed. The PER Chief Scientist will be reviewed by the PER Program Manager annually.

Date: September 21, 2004