Job Situation

Office, meeting rooms. Drafting table. Computer, phone, fax.on-site survey projects. Geomatics technology. Teamwork, co-operation. Some deadline pressures. Reporting to partners. irregular, flexible hours.

Weekly Hours of Work

45

Overtime

As required

Monthly Salary

$5,400

Student Loan – Owing

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

Duties

Consult with engineers and clients. Direct survey projects. Administer budget and staff. Train and supervise others. Evaluate project. Write reports and briefs.

Prospects

Project management. Education. Consulting.

Job Title

Geomatics Consulting Associate

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

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Job Description

If you'd known how young this company was when you read the ad, you might not have applied. That would have been a shame because it's going to be great—when it gets going. At the moment it consists of three talented and ambitious young engineers and yourself. Technologists and technicians are gradually being added as the company gains momentum. Your collective goal at this point is to make a reputation for yourselves and move out of the drafty industrial warehouse that you call the office.

You are starting with a government contract for a nature reserve and a small research station. It's remote, but nothing like the Star Lake project you worked on. As the head of the survey, you'll be coming and going by helicopter once the two teams are up and running. You've really enjoyed hiring your technical people. When two technologists that you had worked with at Northstar applied you nabbed them in a flash. Now the three of you are working on supplies and equipment budgets.

When everything is well planned, you'll meet with the clients and talk over the survey project from beginning to end. It takes a bit of time to explain some of the technical aspects, but it's worth the effort. The clients feel better if they understand what's going on and it gives them all the information they need to do their own planning on other fronts. If there are any problems or delays down the road, you won't be starting from scratch when you have to explain the situation.

Then it will be back to the bush, for a while anyway, and you're looking forward to it. You have every confidence in your two team leaders, but you want to work with the new technicians for a few weeks, so that they get an idea of your standards and expectations, and you can see for yourself if their skills are up to scratch. You know that if you set the pace and the attitude on-site to start with, it will be easier for the team leaders to keep the job on track. You learned more