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Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

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Strengthening Minnesota businesses by maximizing efficiency and lowering costs through energy, water and waste reduction

Internship: Lead a project focused on water conservation and energy efficiency.

Company: Liberty Packaging – Golden Valley, MN

The Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) is seeking a junior or senior college student to lead a project focused on water conservation and energy efficiency with Liberty Packaging in Golden Valley. The intern will work with MnTAP and Liberty staff to reduce water and energy use in a corrugated packaging plant. The intern will quantify opportunities and develop suggestions to reduce water use and conserve energy as well as outline plans for implementation.

JOB DUTIES:

As part of this project, you will be asked to complete the following tasks:

- 1. Create a water map to identify and quantify water usage and costs throughout the facility.
- 2. Quantify losses due to steam leaks, and assist with the solution.
- 3. Assess cleaning procedures for water conservation opportunities.
- 4. Work with the electric utility to schedule a compressed air leak audit.
- 5. Assess the feasibility, benefits, and disadvantages of removing a generator.
- 6. As time allows, explore other water conservation, energy efficiency, and cost saving measures like bathroom fixture efficiency, power factor correction, and deduct meters.
- 7. Make recommendations for specific improvements based on research, testing, and calculation that will result in energy efficiency and water conservation.
- 8. Estimate waste, energy, and water reduction potential from implementation of provided recommendations, then prioritize suggested changes using simple payback methods for financial justification.
- 9. As appropriate, support implementation of approved process changes or outline plans for future implementation.
- 10. Summarize findings in a detailed report, including recommended procedures and vendor proposals along with an economic analysis and justification of changes.
- 11. Present findings to the company and at MnTAP-hosted public presentation events.

As an intern, you will work at the company and report back to MnTAP. The position is full-time, 40 hours per week, for three months to start after the conclusion of spring semester or quarter. Pay is \$19/hour, with a lump sum stipend of \$1,500 upon completion of the project deliverables: a final report and presentations. Cumulatively, this equates to \$22.00/hour when averaged over the project. Candidates must pass a background check.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- U.S. work authorization
- Good oral & written communication skills
- A technical academic background
- Troubleshooting skills
- Self-motivated
- Excel and other software skills
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Preferred majors: Engineering, environmental or physical sciences and others as applicable

TO APPLY:

Apply online at:

www.mntap.umn.edu/interns/student/apply/

Remember to submit your application form, cover letter, resume, and unofficial transcript.

Applications can be addressed to:

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