



Manatee County Mosquito Control District

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Position Opening – Chief Pilot - Helicopter

The Manatee County Mosquito Control District (Bradenton/Sarasota, FL) is accepting applications for the position of “Chief Pilot”.

The position of Chief Pilot is responsible for the safe, legal and responsible operation/maintenance of one Hughes 500D and two Bell 407 helicopters which are used to provide airborne surveillance and spray operations for the control of mosquito populations.

The incumbent will operate a helicopter at low altitudes, in day- and night-time periods and over heavily populated areas. Additional duties include: making pre- and post-flight inspections to determine flight worthiness of aircraft; ensuring the safety and legality of flight operations; and maintaining aircraft flight time records. The incumbent may be required to perform minor aircraft maintenance and assist with maintenance of the hangar area. The incumbent supervises a staff of up to 3 (2 pilots and 1 mechanic) and must provide a daily work schedule that keeps staff occupied with District interests at all times. This position is responsible for performing related duties as required.

The current Chief Pilot is retiring in June 2022 after 27 years of service. Hiring is planned in the Spring 2022.

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- 1,500 flight-hours in helicopter(s) with 500 hours as Pilot in Command.
- Minimum of 200 hours and 5 years experience of aerial spray applications.
- Possess and maintains a Commercial Pilot's License with rotorcraft, instrument helicopter rating.
- Possession of a Certified Flight Instructor certificate with rotorcraft-helicopter rating.
- Possession of a current FAA 1st or 2nd Class Medical Certificate.
- Licensed in “Public Health Pest Control” and “State Aerial Applicator” from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or able to obtain such certification within six months.
- Knowledge of GIS computer mapping programs.
- (Any or all of the above stated minimum requirements may be waived by the Director if accepted by the District’s insurance company.)
- Valid Florida driver’s license within 6 months of employment
- **Substance Abuse Testing.** Due to the safety and/or security sensitive nature of this classification, individuals shall be subject to pre-employment alcohol, drug and/or controlled substance testing
- This may not represent a complete job description

Salary and Compensation:

- This is a salaried position at \$70,000 to 105,000 annually. Work week is typically 40-hours, 6:30am to 3:00pm with ½ hour for lunch unless otherwise arranged and pre-approved by the District Director. The salary of a new hire may observe more aggressive adjustments in the first few years of employment. Typically, all District employees receive 5% annual pay increase subjected to Board approval and also receive 10-, 20- and 30-year longevity raises (5% each)
- Advancement of the salary “upper limit” will be based upon the annual cost of living adjustment and only be made at 5% increments and may not be performed annually.
- The Chief Pilot, like all District employees shall receive full family medical benefits (currently paid 100% by the District) and are eligible for enrollment in the Florida Retirement System. Additionally, the incumbent is eligible to receive paid vacation, sick and holiday leave.

Work Environment:

Manatee County is located in southwest Florida approximately 1 hour south of Tampa. The 2 major urban centers are Bradenton/Sarasota and are amongst the fastest growing residential communities in the Country with approximately 400,000 full time residents. The area has excellent, A-rated public school, a high diversity of entertainment opportunities, beautiful beaches and pleasant year-round weather. The County is a mix of traditional agriculture and urban/suburban land uses.

The District has approximately 30 full time employees with low turnover and high employee morale. The District is managed by an Executive Director who is appointed by 3 elected Commissioners. The District performs legislatively mandated public-health mission under a \$9m operational budget and serves the entire County.

Physical Requirements:

Moderate physical activity is required on a regular basis including lifting, reaching for, pulling and carrying up to fifty pounds, reaching and pulling with arms, stooping, walking, standing, sitting for long periods of time and climbing in and out of airplanes, helicopters, vehicles and other equipment. Must be able to use hands and fingers to type, and grip and operate a variety of aircraft and other equipment. Excellent vision, both close and distance, is required.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Christopher.Lesser@manateemosquito.com

The closing date for this advertisement is February 10, 2022.

