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WE'RE GROWING!

In the midst of everything that has come with the last year and a half, the IWRC has remained nimble and continued to generate innovative ideas while continuing to provide the direct assistance to our clients that they have come to expect. Through these efforts, we are looking to grow our team. The IWRC is looking to add team members who will use critical thinking skills combined with a passion for environmental stewardship to assist Iowa small businesses in reducing waste.

Our work environment can be challenging, rewarding and fun. Our team enjoys working both independently to push forward innovative ideas as well as collaboratively to arrive at the best possible solutions for Iowa’s businesses and environment.

The position of Environmental Program Assistant requires a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science, Business, Communications or related field. In this position, individuals may work on IWRC programs including environmental assistance, pollution prevention assistance, energy efficiency assistance, food waste reduction assistance, military & industrial painter training and sustainable craft brewing. This position is a 1-year temporary position with the possibility of full-time employment after.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team and helping to make a positive impact on Iowa small businesses, more information and the position application can be found at: jobs.uni.edu. The full consideration date for this position is 09/10/2021.
Radio Iowa Recognizes STAR4D Program

Recently, the IWRC’s STAR4D (Spray Technique Analysis and Research for Defense) program was recognized in an article by Radio Iowa for the work we do to reduce paint waste and save money.

Chris Lampe, STAR4D Program Manager, discussed in the article that often before any painter training is given, up to 50% of the paint used in the coating process can be lost. So, the benefits this training and program can have in saving large amounts of money and paint when painting things such as a Blackhawk helicopter, which can take up to 6 to 8 gallons to coat, is widely beneficial. In fact, the STAR4D program has saved taxpayers up to $500,000 in the past year.

To learn more about the STAR4D program visit [here](#), and to read more of Radio Iowa’s article click [here](#).

Food Waste Expert, Jennifer Trent, Interviews with the Iowa Business Report

Food Waste and Waste Reduction Specialist, Jennifer Trent, interviewed with Jeff Stein and the Iowa Business Report to discuss upcoming meetings for the Regional Partnership for Food Waste Solutions, an effort to bring communities together to reduce food waste in a variety of ways and keep it out of landfills.

Trent discussed how impactful food waste can be to the environment and highlighted a number of ways food can be diverted from landfills and put towards better efforts to help those who may not know where their next meal is coming from.

To find out more about the meetings for the event and to hear the rest of her interview, visit this [link](#).

| Recycling | Landfill Tipping Fees Analysis (Biocycle) |
| Food Waste | How Upcycling Fights Food Insecurity and Climate Change Part 1 (Waste 360) |
| Sustainable Brewing |
ASU Professor Finds Craft Brewers Eager for Guidance on Sustainability
(ASU News)

| Sustainability |
House Passes Bill Requiring EPA to Regulate PFAS Contamination
(Waste Today)

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