**U.S. Geological Survey**

Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center

Mundt Federal Building, 47914 252nd Street

Sioux Falls, SD 57198

**EROS Job Shadow**

Job shadows are available to high school (juniors or seniors) and college students interested in learning more about the various jobs at the USGS EROS Center.

**Jobs shadow opportunities include:**

Computer services, micro support, data management, computer networking, computer programmer, geographic information systems (GIS) analyst, remote sensing scientist, and geographer.

**How a job shadow works:**

Students are matched with one to four employees for a maximum three-hour shadowing experience, which will include a one-hour tour of EROS. In order to participate, students need to fill out an application which will be reviewed by management. EROS will coordinate the job shadow and provide the student with an agenda and instructions for visiting EROS.

**Preparing for your job shadow:**

Research the career field, employer, and industry before your job shadow.

Prepare a list of questions to make the most out of the experience. Make sure you ask questions that cannot be easily found on the internet (our employees can give you some good inside information).

Directions: Print out directions, which can be found online at <http://eros.usgs.gov/visit>. Please allow ample time for traffic and navigation to EROS. When you arrive, you will stop at a security checkpoint. A security guard will ask to see a photo ID and ask the reason for your visit. You can say you are here for a job shadow. Park in visitor parking, and go in the front entrance. A security guard will guide you through a metal detector and ask you to sign in. Tell the receptionist that you are a job shadow student.

Lunch: If the shadow is over the noon hour, an on-site vending/cafeteria area is available (bring money) or bring a lunch.

Dress professionally. Business casual (no jeans, shorts, shirts with advertising or flip flops).

**JOB SHADOW PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What job are you interested in learning more about?

Why are you interested in participating in the Job Shadow Program?

What are you hoping to learn from participating in the Job Shadow Program?

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed application and a copy of your resume to:

[custserv@usgs.gov](mailto:custserv@usgs.gov) or

USGS EROS Center

ATTN: Job Shadow

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