DEPUTY DIRECTOR – MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA

DAKOTA PLAINS LEGAL SERVICES (DPLS), a non-profit legal services program, has an opening for a Deputy Director position in our Mission, South Dakota, office. DPLS provides free legal services to low income and elderly clients located primarily in the western half of South Dakota and to Native American clients located throughout South Dakota and on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation which extends into North Dakota.

QUALIFICATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES: Applicants must be admitted to practice law in the courts of at least one state and be licensed to practice, or by reciprocity be able to obtain a license to practice, in South Dakota, or be qualified to take the next South Dakota Bar Exam; have at least one year of experience in the practice of poverty law or Native American law with trial experience in state and federal courts or two years of experience in the general practice of law; have a demonstrated interest in poverty law and sensitivity to the legal needs of low income clients; have strong writing skills; and be familiar with budgets or be willing to learn.

The Deputy Director assists the Executive Director in overseeing the operation of DPLS and will have primary responsibility for fundraising, overseeing the Human Relations functions of DPLS, staff development and training.

SALARY: Competitive, depending on experience. DPLS has excellent fringe benefits, including generous leave benefits and employee insurance coverage (medical, dental, life, disability).

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Please submit a letter of interest and resume to: Thomas S. Mortland, Executive Director, Dakota Plains Legal Services, PO Box 727, Mission, SD 57555, (605) 856-4444, dpls@venturecomm.net

Native Americans, Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply. Dakota Plains Legal Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer.