



Underground Equipment Operator

Job Description

Job Title:	Underground Equipment Operator
Departments:	Project Management
Reports To:	Foreman/Superintendent
Location:	Project sites located throughout the United States.

Aptus is the leading provider of engineered construction services and product solutions for natural gas piping, telecommunications conduit, and other underground utilities. Our portfolio is built on more than 25 years of practical field experience serving the heavy/civil, ITS, electrical, natural gas, and telecom markets.

Benefits:

- Excellent Compensation (Hourly Pay, Daily Tax Free Per Diem, Bonus, Unlimited Overtime)
- Insurance (Health, Dental, and Vision)
- Hotels Covered
- Life Insurance
- Short Term Disability
- Long Term Disability
- 401K Retirement

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Primary Responsibilities:

The Underground Equipment Operators will report directly to the Foreman or Superintendent and will be an integral member of the team. The responsibilities will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Setting up worksite (equipment placement, reel trailer placement, etc.).
- Operating directional drill, mini-excavator and other equipment to place underground plant facilities.
- Understanding of and ability to perform potholing (exposure of utilities).
- Understanding of and ability to perform locating of utilities.
- Understand clearances from other utilities, ground, road, highway, sidewalk and non-pedestrian areas.
- Assist in loading and unloading equipment and supplies needed for daily work assignments.
- Understanding of and ability to perform proper transportation, handling and placement of conduits (rolled and stick).
- Understanding of and ability to perform transportation of fiber reels.
- Understanding of and ability to perform installation of fiber cables in conduits.
- Understanding of and ability to properly set and secure pedestals and vaults.
- Ability to read and interpret network prints.
- Perform tasks associated with installation and maintenance of underground utilities.
- Hand digging using shovel and mechanical tools.
- Ensuring all team members are prepared for their work shifts (on time, proper attire, etc.).

- Working with and encourage team productivity to meet or exceed scheduling goals.
- Operate or work around heavy equipment and machinery.
- Work in congested or remote areas.
- Work with Superintendents, Foremen, and co-workers to learn new tasks.
- Assist in traffic control.
- Ensure and inspect quality of work.
- Follow all OSHA and company safety standards.
- Restore worksite or anything disturbed during construction at completion of daily work.

Job Requirements:

- Directional drill operating experience.
- High School and/or completion of Vocational School, college degree a plus.
- Valid and current driver license is mandatory.
- Class A CDL preferred.
- Background Check cleared.
- Motor Vehicle Record checked biannually.
- Become familiar with intermediate level computer skills using Microsoft Excel, Outlook, and Word
- Team player with field staff, project management and internal company management.
- Comfortable working from heights and over water.
- Ability to remain calm, focused and effective in pressure situations.
- Self-starter with ability to set goals and tasks with strong leadership skills.
- Ability to travel and work at various job sites throughout the United States for various durations approximately 95% of the year.
- Conduct daily JHA (job hazard analysis) or similar on designated applications.
- Aptus Group USA is a Drug Free Workplace. Candidates will be required to pass pre-employment and randomized DOT regulated drug tests.
- 1+ years related experience or equivalent role (Utility or Outside Plant experience a plus).
- Safety standards knowledge and enforcement.

Physical Requirements:

- Daily lifting of items over 50 lbs., with or without the use of mechanical aids.
- Ability to spend all day outdoors exposed to weather and stand for long periods of time.
- Full use of hands and fingers as there is use of precision or semi-precision tools.
- Daily basic physical exertion, such as bending and twisting, lifting, climbing, pulling, pushing, or carrying.

Applicant requirements:

- Valid United States driver's license
- Valid Social Security Number
- Meet fitness standards for DOT CDL physical / medical card
- Resume with past experience and at least three references
- Ability to travel and be away from home full time (Avg. 95%)
- Must pass a pre-employment drug screen

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Aptus Group USA is an equal employment opportunity employer. Employment decisions are based on merit and business needs, and not on race, color, citizenship status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, marital status, veteran status, political affiliation, or any other factor protected by law. Aptus Group USA complies with the law regarding reasonable accommodation for handicapped and disabled employees.

Please provide project listing of past experience, listing your job role, project owner/ name, start/completion date, and market (Utility, Outside Plant, etc.) when submitting resume.