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Human Resources

Please accept my application for the job Laser Safety Observer (Laser Spotter) as posted on the W.M. Keck Observatory website.

Do I come across the wrong way if I say this job sounds like fun? Well, it sounds like fun. What could be better than spending the night in what is billed as THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO LOOK AT STARS, and be paid to look stars? OK, yeah planes, but in differentiating planes from stars, the stars are going to figure in there. And it sounds like fun.

But, let's face it; this isn't going to be stargazing on a nice warm beach. It's going to be cold, tiring, and exhausting, to an extent I do not yet have a full appreciation. So, to the unique challenges of this job, I bring;

- 1) Cold Weather Experience. I grew up in Chicago. I've walked the proverbial mile in the snow. I know what a blizzard is like, and I know the pain of being cold.
- 2) Late Night Work. I've put the 80 and 100 hour work weeks behind me, but I have a sense of what working through the night is about and I can do a 13 hour shift.
- 3) Availability. I live 1 mile from the W.M. Keck Observatory complex in Kamuela. I have flexibility in my telecommuting job to the mainland, and hence can make time for this position, and can afford to work at it "intermittently".
- 4) Heck, I even have some Electronic Experience (Certificate from DVC), but that's more of a teaser. I'm not qualified to work independently with electronics, but if we like each other, I may be able to grow into some sort of assistant position.

Please do not underestimate my primary qualification.
I think this Job would be fun.

I thank you for your consideration.

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