**Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

Daniel Griffin is an expert in tree-ring dating and interpretation, he routinely partners with schools, museums, and management stakeholders on educational initiatives and public outreach that showcases the power of tree rings as a introductory gateway for environmental systems and science.

Griffin is a member of the faculty in the Department of Geography at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. He earned a PhD from the University of Arizona and Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees from the University of Arkansas. Griffin manages his own research lab, which has consistently trained and employed research assistants since his arrival to the University of Minnesota in 2014. He has a strong track record of project proposal and management, including field-based research in old-growth conifer forests and oak woodlands across North America since 2001. Griffin’s research has been previously supported by funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the University of Minnesota. These grants have led to numerous publications in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. Griffin is the author or co-author of over 30 peer-reviewed studies in various journals including *Science*, *Environmental Research Letters, the Natural Areas Journal*, and *Tree-Ring Research.*